

Party, deem it unnecessary to send for persons and papers, as the people of Maryland; in the majesty of their power, have furnished the Legislature with abundant testimony of the purity of its principles, by the large and respectable representation now composing a part of its body." On this resolution the vote stood: Affirmative, Kennedy, Hall and Goldsborough. Negative, Merrick and Smith.

Mr. Merrick then offered the following resolution :

"*Resolved*, That it is the duty of this Committee to carry out fully the instructions and commands laid upon them by the resolutions of the House of Delegates, and to report fully upon the facts found upon an examination of witnesses on *oath*, and also such remedy for existing evils, if any should be found to exist, as in their judgment the nature of such evils may require." The vote on this resolution stood: Affirmative, Messrs. Merrick and Smith. Negative, Kennedy, Hall and Goldsborough.

And thus, the undersigned regret to say, have terminated the proceedings of this Committee, of which so much has been said, and from whom so much was expected.

The resolutions above quoted affirm first, that the Governor, in his response to the Committee, points out the American party of the Philadelphia platform as the object of his animadversion. This was unanimously agreed to—no one ever doubted it—the Governor says so, and points out that platform as one of the documents containing evidence of the facts, or some of the facts, the Committee were charged to inquire into. But lest (it would seem) he should not be believed in making his own statement, the Committee resolve that it is so. Of course it can now no longer be questioned by any one; there the fact stands.

By the third resolution adopted by the majority, and the resolution offered by Mr. Merrick and rejected by the same majority, the Committee decided both affirmatively and negatively, that they would not summon any witnesses to testify before them, neither would they examine any witnesses upon oath, deeming, in the words of the resolution, the "*election* of a large and respectable representation by the people of Maryland in the *majesty of their power, abundant testimony* of the purity of the principles of the American party." However good the policy of *so deeming*, and of making such a declaration under certain circumstances, this minority deny that the conclusion is either logical or justifiable;—the necessary corollary being, that any and every party, which may chance to elect a *large and respectable* representation, by whatever means, are and must be conceded to be *pure*, and