

RESPONSE OF RICHARD GRASON,
TO THE
MEMORIAL OF JAMES L. RIDGELY.

To the Honorable,

The House of Delegates of Maryland:

This Respondent, in answer to said memorial, would respectfully state, that having for some years practiced law in Baltimore county, in said State, and having been appointed special Judge of the Court, at the request and upon the recommendation of the officers of the Court of all parties, and his name at the late election having been put forward as an independent candidate for Judge of the Circuit Court of the 8th Judicial Circuit of the State, he allowed his name to be used for that office—and having received a majority of the loyal and qualified votes of said Circuit, was declared by the Judges of Election appointed under the provisions of the 35th Article of the Code, duly elected, who made their return according to law, that this respondent having received the greatest number of legal votes for Judge of said Circuit, they did declare, determine and return him as duly elected as such Judge, and by virtue of such election and return, he was duly commissioned by the Executive of the State.

This Respondent would further state, that the 8th Judicial Circuit of the State is comprised alone of Baltimore county, and that the Election above referred to, was held under the supervision and control of three Judges of Election for each Election District, duly appointed by the Commissioners of said county, as required by the Constitution and laws of the State; and this Respondent is advised and believes that the Commissioners of said county are men of undoubted loyalty to the Government of the United States, and as such, appointed men only as Judges of Election who could fearlessly and faithfully discharge their duties under the Constitution and laws; and he is informed and advised that each of said Judges, before entering upon the discharge of their duties, took the oath set forth in the Provisions of the Code, requiring, among other things, "That he would not permit