

COMMITTEE ON CONTESTED ELECTIONS.

ANNAPOLIS,

TUESDAY, January 24th, 1860.

The Committee on Elections met for the purpose of taking evidence in the Contested Election Cases of Jarrett vs. Purnell, and Kerr vs. Gaither.

Present—*Messrs. Freaner, Gordon, Harding, Goldsborough, Wilson, of Harford, and Medders.*

On motion of *Mr. Gordon,*

The Committee decided that the two cases should be taken up together, so far as the election in the city of Baltimore is concerned, and that the evidence shall apply to both cases, so far as it may be applicable.

On motion of *Mr. Gordon,*

The Committee decided that counsel should be allowed to object to the admissibility of any prepared evidence, and that upon such objection, the Committee would, in their discretion, hear the said counsel not exceeding ten minutes upon any one case.

Mr. Purnell presented to the committee a written communication (marked No. 1) asking a postponement of the case of Jarrett vs. Purnell, to the 30th January, or such day thereafter as might suit the convenience of the committee.

The counsel for *Mr. Purnell* objected to the admissibility in evidence of the printed deposition of the several witnesses examined on behalf of *Mr. Jarrett*, whose testimony is printed in the book produced by him, but the objection was overruled by the committee.