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MR. HANDY, Chairman.

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REPORT

OF THE

**COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS & PRIVILEGES**

TO WHOM WAS REFERRED THE MEMORIAL OF

ROBERT WELCH OF BEN.,

Presented on the 8th inst., complaining of the course pursued towards him.

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BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,

March 15, 1839.

Read, and ordered to be printed,

By order,

G. G. BREWER, Clerk.

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The committee of elections and privileges, to whom was referred the memorial of Robert Welsh of Ben., presented on the 8th instant, complaining of the course pursued towards him by the committee, beg leave to

**REPORT:**

That they have attentively read the said memorial, and believing its only object to be, to cast a censure on the majority of the committee, the committee have deemed it due to themselves, and to the House of which they are members, to give a narrative of certain facts, believed to be material to a true understanding of the position now occupied by Mr. Welch. On the 2d of February, the house determined that Charles G. Puckett, mentioned in Mr. Welsh's memorial, was not a legal and qualified voter; and also passed the following order:—

“Ordered, That, in the cases of the memorials of Benjamin Kirby and the other petitioners for seats in this house from Kent and Frederick counties, and the city of Annapolis, the committee on elections and privileges be, and they are hereby instructed to issue subpoenas for any witnesses which either of the said parties may name to the com-