

of Col. Johnson, he replied, "Col. Johnson already stands too high in the opinion of the people, to render it necessary to raise him higher."

The committee being of opinion that their duty required them to examine Jeremiah Hughes, Esq. the Editor of a newspaper, in which lately appeared a paragraph upon this subject, believed by some to cast improper imputations upon this house, and understanding that from indisposition he would be unable to appear before them, transmitted to him in writing an interrogatory, which together with his answer thereto is contained in the paper accompanying this report.

Your committee believing that their duty is best performed by a plain statement of the facts disclosed by the testimony of the several witnesses examined before them respectfully submit them without comment.

In addition, the committee beg leave further to report, that there was no evidence before the committee to justify the charge contained in Mr. Hughes' paper, and reiterated in his letter to the committee this morning, of an attempt by high officers at Washington to rule the people of Maryland, by the patronage of the House Delegates.

To the introduction of which additional paragraph Mr. Handy and Mr. Carter dissented.

JOHN A. CARTER, chairman.

By Order,

H. L. Gale, Cl'k.

Wednesday evening, 22d January, 1834.

Gentlemen of the Committee

Of the House of delegates,

To the question to which you require my reply—"Upon what authority I undertook to implicate the house of delegates, with lending the patronage of the house of delegates at the instance of some of the highest officers of the government, at Washington," "attempting to rule the people of Maryland," in my paper of the 21st instant, headed "Electioneering."

My reply is, that,

I disavow expressly, having in thought or word implicated the house of delegates. The language of the publication was plain and pointedly aimed at those high officers in Washington, who seemed by the process pointed out and quoted from the caption of the play bill, to be attempting to play off a political drama here, for their own benefit. That the house of delegates, had or would "lend" themselves to such a measure, I had too much Maryland