

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MARCH 25, 1873.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. MORTON, from the Committee on Privileges and Elections, submitted the following

R E P O R T :

*The Committee on Privileges and Elections, to whom was referred the memorial of thirty-seven members of the legislature of Missouri in regard to the election of Lewis V. Bogy to the Senate of the United States from that State, have had the same under consideration and submit the following report :*

The memorial sets forth that the recent examination by a committee appointed by the house of representatives of the legislature of Missouri, touching the corrupt use of money in the election of Mr. Bogy, was imperfect; that it was not full and fair, and in the opinion of the memorialists, if the investigation had been conducted with more vigor and with a purpose of revealing the real facts of the case, other and more important evidence would have been produced showing that there was corruption in Mr. Bogy's election.

The memorial, however, does not state what additional facts can be proven, nor indicate with any certainty the character of the new evidence that may be produced.

The committee understand that the only duty which they have upon this reference is to report to the Senate whether the memorial presents such facts as would justify the Senate in instituting an examination in regard to the election of Mr. Bogy, and are of the opinion that it does not. Such a proceeding is of a grave character, and should not be set on foot without such a statement of the evidence that could probably be produced as would appear to make it the duty of the Senate to proceed to an investigation.

The evidence taken by the committee of the legislature of Missouri also accompanies the memorial, and has been examined by the committee. It is not the province of the committee, upon this reference, to inquire whether the judgment pronounced by the house of representatives of the Missouri legislature upon this evidence was correct; but they express the opinion that the evidence is not of a character to require of the Senate an investigation.

The committee, therefore, ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial and the evidence touching the election of Lewis V. Bogy to the Senate of the United States.