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*Inquiry into massacre of colored men at Danville, Virginia, and alleged election outrages in Virginia, in 1883, with minority report and testimony*, Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections report, May 27, 1984 [https://congressional.proquest.com/congressional/docview/t47.d48.2178\\_srp.579](https://congressional.proquest.com/congressional/docview/t47.d48.2178_srp.579)



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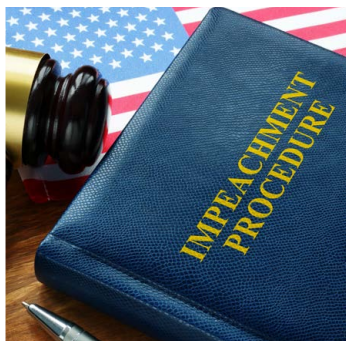


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