

the time I was at the polls; at about half-past ten o'clock (up to which time the voting was pretty steady, and during which, several crowds came up from other wards, or strangers, not residents of the ward at least, came up and offered to vote, but on my challenging their votes they were mostly rejected), about ten or a dozen men came up to vote, cursing and swearing; a man named Watts, who lives on Conway Street west of Eutaw Street, which is not in the thirteenth ward, was brought up by this crowd two or three times to vote; I objected to his vote; the crowd wanted me to swear that Watts lived in the ward, but I refused and challenged his vote, and he was each time rejected; I was then attacked and struck several times in the face, and pushed out into the street; my hat was knocked off and stamped and kicked about the street; after that there was no more challenging done that I know of, nor did any of the Reformers stand near the window; I saw several persons struck; among them Dr. Williams, and another person whose name I did not know; I saw one man, named Thomas Graham, who was attempting to approach the window, backed out of the crowd by a man named Robinson, and others of a club which meets at a house opposite where the polls are held; I was told by the owner of the house that he had rented them a room, and I have often seen them going in and out of the house; I had voted, and been beaten, so I determined to go home; I heard the parties who came up to vote, and were rejected, threaten the judges, calling them "sons of bitches," threatening to pull them out of the window, &c.

Question. Did you give any provocation whatever for the assault upon you?

Answer. I did not.

#### *Cross-examination.*

Question. Please state how long it took you to get in your vote?

Answer. But a few minutes, as I voted early, before the crowd commenced.

Question. Was there any obstacle to your voting save the crowd then present?

Answer. There was none.

Question. Which of your personal acquaintances were prevented from voting at the thirteenth ward polls, after persistent efforts so to do?

Answer. I do not know of any.

Question. Was there a barricade there?

Answer. No.

Question. Was the obstacle to a fair and free poll other than the presence at the polls of a crowd?

Answer. The obstacle was the presence of a crowd of persons