

could not clear the window to allow voters to approach the ballot box ; he answered me, that he had nothing to do with the voting at the window, that his orders were only to carry off disorderly persons ; I was then asked by several gentlemen (among whom was Mr. Wendell Bollman) to go down to the Mayor's Office, to find out the orders that were given to the police, and, if necessary, to obtain a reinforcement ; we stated the condition of affairs at the polls to the acting Mayor, who expressed surprise, and said that he had given orders to the Marshal, and thought everything was going on satisfactorily ; we told him that such was not the case, that the police there took no active part in preserving order, but were most of the time lounging around the corner ; I asked the acting Mayor what he considered to be the duties of the police at the polls ; his answer was that they were there to preserve order ; I also asked him for a reinforcement, which he said should be sent up as soon as he could speak to the Deputy Marshal, who, during my presence at the Mayor's Office, came in, and said that he would send up a number of men ; we then returned to the polls, and found a party of Reformers coming away ; I also waited to see whether the extra police force would come up, which the Mayor said he would send up ; they did not make their appearance, having had sufficient time while I was there ; I left under the impression that the polls were in complete possession of the Know-Nothing party.

*Cross-examination.*

Question. How long were you engaged in getting in your vote ?

Answer. I think it was a matter of ten minutes from the time I got on the pavement, for the purpose of voting, till I deposited my ballot.

Question. Were you acquainted generally with the Reform voters of the ward ?

Answer. I was.

Question. Did they hold meetings for the purpose of an organization, prior to the 2d November ; and if so, and you attended any of those meetings held in the nineteenth ward, please state the number of persons thereat ?

Answer. About fifty ; I never counted them ; I attended several meetings ; do not remember how many.

Answer. Please to state which Reformers of the nineteenth ward, whom you knew to be legal voters, were, after persistent efforts to vote, unable to do so ?

Answer. My brother, Mr. William Stewart, was one ; Mr. James H. Hann was another ; I cannot specify any others, although I know there was a body of Reformers, whom I saw pushed away with violence, but I cannot remember their names.