

it was all previously concocted. The reason I think it was—I heard a party of men talking, that, if they did not succeed in carrying the election, they were to withdraw at a certain hour and contest the election.

*Mr. Freamer*—Q. Who were they?

A. I don't know.

Q. State their names?

A. I cannot.

Q. Where did it occur?

A. In Howard street, near Mount Vernon Hall, on the public street.

Q. How many were in the crowd?

A. Three or four.

Q. How near were you to them?

A. Within four or five feet.

Q. How was your attention directed to this conversation?

A. I was going up to the meeting in the twentieth ward.

Q. How was your attention directed to the conversation?

A. I was standing waiting to go up.

Q. How far from the Hall?

A. Right in the front.

Q. What induced you to stop and not go up immediately?

A. I cannot say what induced me.

Q. Ain't you hard of hearing?

A. A little.

Q. Did they talk in a loud way.

A. Yes.

Q. Were they residents of the twentieth ward?

A. I cannot tell whether they were or not.

*Mr. Stockbridge*—Q. Was Mr. Horn one of them?

A. I cannot say.

*Mr. Freamer*—Q. What party did those men that you heard talking belong to?

A. I do not know what party they belonged to.

Q. Have you no idea who they were?

A. I have not.

Q. Were they well dressed?

A. They looked like gentlemen.

Q. How long did you stand and listen to the conversation?

A. Some ten minutes.

Q. Did they observe you?

A. Yes.

Q. Did they know you?

A. I cannot tell whether they did or not.

Q. Now, you say that this conversation occurred in so loud a voice as to enable you, a man that is partially deaf, to hear it?