

By Mr. Jones.—No one offering to vote was excluded from voting. The soldiers remained at the polls all day. I do not know who commanded the military or where they belonged.

John R. Bloodsworth, sworn—

By Mr. Hagner.—I was a voter in Hungary Neck district in Somerset county, in November, 1863.

I arrived at the polls about 2 P. M.

Nothing occurred while I was there. I found five armed soldiers at the polls, commanded by an officer. I believe no ticket was rejected but the Crisfield ticket, which was on white paper.

No one offering a yellow ticket was required to swear, but were admitted without the oath. No one offering a Democratic ticket, was required to swear, but their votes were admitted without the oath.

All tickets were opened and examined by the judges. Mr. Long's and Dr. Dashiell's names were on the Crisfield ticket. When the judge called out my name, I saw the sergeant write something down which I suppose was my name. Before I left my store to go to the polls, a man named Webster, who had been to the polls, brought the report that those who voted the Crisfield ticket would be arrested. I know of persons who were deterred from going to the polls who would have voted the Crisfield ticket if they had not heard that report.

Mr. Webster who brought the report spoken of was a Democrat, and voted, but not for Congressman.

By Mr. Dent.—There was no objection to other names on the Crisfield ticket, and no interruption of voters for other candidates thereon than for Mr. Crisfield himself. There were no other candidates for Congress in that district except Crisfield and Creswell.

There were fifteen or twenty men that day at my store when the report arrived, who were waiting to go to the polls with me. They finally concluded that if they could not vote without taking the oath they would go home, and they did so. After hearing the report of the threat of their arrest they returned home. A report to the same effect was through the neighborhood the evening before, none of them believed the soldiers would be at the polls.

The usual Union vote in Hungary Neck district since 1861, is 60 to 70.