

Wm. Walter—sworn.

Mr. Hagner.—I was a voter in Tyaskin District, in Somerset county, November, 1863.

I arrived at the polls before they were opened.

When I arrived I saw six soldiers, about thirty yards from the polls. Mr. Jehu Davis, Deputy Provost Marshal, and a candidate for Sheriff, on the yellow ticket, appeared to have the control of the soldiers. He afterwards stationed them at the windows where the tickets were put in. I asked Davis what the soldiers were there for? He said, "If you or any person else will vote for me, you won't be interrupted." He said the soldiers were there to protect the judges. The tickets were handed in in the usual way—there was no examination of them. It was rumored *about* on the ground that the Democrats were going to vote for Davis, and that if they would, they wouldn't be interfered with. The Democrats made every exertion to get out their full strength, and did very well, and got more votes than usual. The supporters of the Crisfield ticket did not have a full attendance.

Mr. Tuck.—Was not the day of election a fair day for oystering, and were not many absent voters out oystering that day?

Ans.—It was a fair day for oystering, but they were not all oystermen who were absent. A good many oystermen were present—some absent.

Committee adjourned 2.45 P. M.

8½ P. M. Committee met.

Present—Messrs. Herbert, Dent, Frazier, Westcott and Tyson.

Isaac Smith Lankford—sworn.

Mr. Hagner.—I was a voter in Brinkley's district, Somerset county, at the election, November, 1863.

I arrived at the polls about 10 A. M., and staid with a slight intermission until the polls were closed.

Some week or ten days before the election, there were various opinions as to whether the military would be at the polls or not, I heard many remark that if such was to be the case, they would not go to the polls, for fear of a difficulty and disturbance between citizens and military. On the night before the election it was rumored all through the district that the military were on their way down. During that night the Governor's Proclamation was received. I heard of the proclamation, but did not see it. Knowing the feeling of the district from