

taxed \$7,000 to help carry the election in Maryland, and now, when the city of Baltimore and the bayshore counties were liable to the incursions of a large vagrant population, how great an influence could be accomplished by similar means. He had seen crowds of ruffians drive up to the polls and take possession, and drive off the legal voters.

Mr. Hollyday.—In know-nothing times?—[Laughter.]

Mr. Kennedy.—No, thank God, those times are over. It was two years ago.

Mr. Kennedy then concluded his argument in favor of a uniform system of registration throughout the whole State.

Mr. Nelson replied to the remarks of Mr. Wickes, and expressed his surprise and regret that Frederick county should have been aspersed on this floor. He should let no word fall from his mouth reflecting on any gentleman's county. In regard to the argument of the gentleman, and his exposition of the limited expense of this thing, old Ben Franklin had said that the man who bought a thing he did not want was a spendthrift. Whether this thing cost a dime or a thousand dollars was no matter; Frederick county did not want it.

Mr. Wickes disclaimed any intention of reflecting on Frederick county. He rejoiced in her memories and her associations, and gloried in her renown. Chief Justice Taney was born there. The gentleman's uncle and father were born there, whose high talents and judicial learning were known all over the State, and the gentleman himself, who had shown such ability on this floor and else where, as was rarely equalled by any man of his age, was born there.

Mr. Mitchell would correct an error of the gentleman Chief Justice Taney was born in Calvert county, the smallest county in the State.

Mr. Jones moved the following amendment, which was adopted:

“Insert the word ‘or’ between the words ‘federal’ and ‘State,’ strike out the words, ‘or municipal,’ and insert