

A. I don't know how many ; most of them applied themselves to know what was against them.

26th. When did they so apply ?

A. Some while we were taking names ; others on the day for correction.

27th. Did you send word or give notice to anybody of charges against them, and give them opportunities of cross-examining the witnesses against them ?

A. I don't know that we did ; neither do I think that the law compelled us to do it.

28th. Did you or not enquire into the case of persons not having applied for registration, and summon witnesses against them, and hear their cases without giving them any notice of it ?

A. We took testimony without giving them notice of it.

29th. Did you accept Governor Bradford's and Mr. Randall's (who was the Attorney-General) published opinions as to the mode of your procedure, the rights of the applicant, the mode of examination, the cause of disqualification, and your duties in the premises, and did you act under it ?

A. That the law compelled us to give every one a trial we did not agree ; under the circumstances it was impossible for us to do it.

30th. Did not Mr. Irving inform the Board, while sitting, that he understood they were inquiring into his loyalty and summoning witnesses to prove him disloyal, and say to the Board that on such a grave and important trial he was entitled by the Constitution to be informed of the charges and confronted with the witnesses against him, and did you not in reply, say you had nothing to do with the Constitution but had only to do with the law ?

A. Mr. Irving misunderstood us ; we meant we had nothing to do with any more of the Constitution than that which the Governor sent us with the law.

31st. Did not Mr. Irving insist upon you, as an officer under the Constitution who had sworn to discharge your duty in accordance with it, and did you not in reply ask why the Governor had not sent you a copy of the Constitution then ?

A. I don't recollect.

32d. What questions were you accustomed to propound to applicants who had taken the oath ?

A. Not always the same, but such as we expected to get the most information by.