

A. Anybody and every body that spoke of his disloyalty—that witness satisfied the Board that he was disloyal.

5th. If I understand you correctly, the witness is called “Public repute?”

A. Yes.

6th. Was he sworn?

A. No, sir. No individual was sworn; it was only by public repute.

7th. In any case of public repute did you swear any witnesses?

A. No. Swore no witnesses in cases where we entered public repute.

8th. What particular act or word against the United States Government, or in favor of those in armed rebellion against it, did public repute charge against Mr. Harris?

A. I don't know, more than that the Board heard him say he was a Southern sympathiser. That, in addition to public repute, caused us to disqualify him the first day.

9th. Did you regard the declaration that he was a Southern sympathiser as evidence of disloyalty?

A. As I said, in connection with public repute, I did.

10th. What did Mr. McCreedy say of Mr. Harris?

A. I can't state the exact words, but what he did say changed the majority of the Board from their first decision.

11th. What did public repute say of Mr. Harris?

A. Public repute said of Mr. Harris, that he in sentiment was an enemy to the United States and a friend to the rebels, as we, the officers understood public repute.

12th. Did Mr. McCreedy say such was not the public reputation of Mr. Harris?

A. Yes. I before stated I don't remember what he did say, but what was said satisfied the majority of the Board of Registration, so that they changed their minds.

13th. Who had spoken of Mr. Harris as an enemy of the Government, to you or any other member of the Board?

A. I don't remember; but I had diligently enquired, and had been told by many that he was a disloyal man.

14th. How did it happen that Mr. McCreedy's statement should outweigh the statement of so many people of whom you had so diligently enquired, who said he was disloyal?

A. It did not with all the members, but it did with a majority, because he lived in the neighborhood of Harris, and was a man of very high standing for truth and veracity—