

In the matter of the petition of Thomas A. Spence, contesting the election of John R. Franklin, as Circuit Judge of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit of Maryland:

At the examination of the witnesses produced on the part of the Claimant, the Contestant objects to the question, "for whom would you have voted had you been permitted to vote?" addressed to many of the witnesses, and also to the answers thereto, and it was agreed by the Contestant and the attorneys of the Claimant, that although the objection does not appear in the depositions of the witnesses answering the questions, yet that the objection should be considered as made in every case where the question was propounded and answer given thereto.

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January 12, 1866.

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The Contestant insists that the decisions of the officers of Registration in the several election districts of Somerset county, entered in their books of Registration, as to the qualification or disqualification of all persons appearing before them for Registration are final and conclusive, and objects to any and all evidence of inquiry into or impeachment of the propriety or correctness of such decisions.

At the examination of the witnesses for the Claimant, it was agreed by the Contestant and the Attorneys for the Claimant, that the foregoing objection should be considered as made to the testimony and deposition of each and every witness inquiring into or tending to impeach the propriety or correctness of such decisions of the Registers.

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