

2nd.

A. Did apply; took the oath; officers of Registration notified me of no charges against me; Mr. Duer was summoned against me; I found this out by being told so by S. W. Jones; then I went and asked the Registers about it; they said it was so, but Mr. Duer, as they told me, refused to appear; I asked them to re-summon him; I came to Mr. Duer's office, and he and I went before the Registers together; Mr. Duer was sworn in my presence; Mr. Duer stated I belonged to the Peace party, and that upon one occasion, he had heard me say that I had as leave vote for Cresswell as Crisfield; I think he stated that he had asked me why, and that I had stated that they would both vote men and money to carry on the war; I think he stated further that I had said it was time for a compromise, but I forget the words exactly as used. (Contestant objects to the statement of Mr. Duer as hearsay.) I then stated to the officer that if this was to disfranchise a man, that it would disfranchise a majority of the men in our county, that a majority of them was in favor of peace, and a settlement of the war, and compromise at that time; Mr. Duer was asked what time I had made this statement; he stated it was just before the election when Crisfield and Cresswell ran, 1863; that was all the conversation I recollect of before the Board.

3rd.

A. I did vote, and for Mr. Franklin.

4th. Waived.

Special Interrogatory. Had you or not any conversation with any of the officers of Registration of your district after your rejection. If yea, when and where, and with whom?

A. Don't recollect the special time, been about two weeks ago; it was in Princess Anne that I had conversation with James W. Hayman, one of the officers of Registration; I asked him if he thought Mr. Duer's evidence was sufficient to disfranchise me; he told me he did not; I asked him why I was disfranchised; he hesitated to answer: I asked him if it was not outside influence; he told me it was; that was the sum and substance of our conversation—near about all.

Cross-examination:

1st. Did you not in your conversation with Mr. Duer, alluded to in your direct examination, say to him in substance, that you would vote for no man who would vote for men and money to carry on the war?

A. I have no recollections of having any conversation with Mr. Duer, though I don't deny it.