

16th. Did he not, in the speech to which you have alluded, advocate the right of the States to secede, and that they had just cause for secession?

A. I do not recollect that he did. But he did say that it was better to let these people go, than to have a bloody and ruinous war, or words to that effect.

17th. To the first cross interrogatory filed:

A. I did.

2d:

A. Yes, sir.

3d:

A. Don't recollect that I did; don't think I did.

4th:

A. I have; felt gratification at all the triumphs in clearing out West Virginia.

5th:

A. Yes, sir; felt regret, and expressed it about the issue of Bull Run.

In your direct examination you state "it was well known that they (the Registers) did not sit on the two last days required by law, before publication of the list." Was it or not as well known that they were prevented from doing so by the serious bodily injury of one of the Registers, and the sickness of another?

A. It was reported that one was sick and one had been hurt; don't know the fact; I saw the one said to have been hurt, in town for several hours on the last of those days referred to; he appeared to be attending to his business, was in the act of putting his horse to the carriage when I noticed him. But I do know the fact that they did not sit on the last of the two days referred to, for I went into the house where they had been sitting, and they were not in session between the hours required by law.

Did not the Judges at said election in this district appoint as one of their clerks a certain John W. Polk, who was known to the said Judges was an officer in the Confederate army and captured and taken prisoner in one of the battles fought before or near Richmond, in 1865.

(This question and answer objected to by claimant.)

A. They did.