

The above has been read to me, and is correct.

L. R. POLK.

Attested to and written by Henry Page, *Clerk*.

George H. Richardson, a witness produced on behalf of claimant, being duly sworn, answers and says to special interrogatories filed herewith:

To the first interrogatory:

A. Reside in Snow Hill, Worcester county, Maryland.

2d:

A. I was so examined; I stated to the registers that I believed the statement which had been previously made to said registers respecting a speech of Mr. Franklin, made in Snow Hill in February 1861, by Mr. Lecompte was correct; I stated further that I did hear a conversation or argument between Mr. Franklin and E. K. Wilson, Esq., which conversation I thought occurred early in 1861, in which Mr. Franklin argued that there was a constitutional right of secession; Mr. Wilson differed with him declaring that no such right existed, and remarked to Mr. Franklin that if one go into this matter we do it with halts around our necks; I said further, that during that conversation I did not remember to have heard Mr. Franklin say that he was a secessionist or in favor of secession; I stated further that since that time within twelve months I had heard Mr. Franklin state, that he had never been in favor of secession.

Cross-Examination:

Q. Were there of your knowledge any other witnesses before the said registers touching the disqualification of Mr. Franklin?

Answer. There was one other, Mr. James S. Lecompte, of whom I spoke before.

Ques. Do you or not know that W. H. W. Farrow was a witness before the registers?

Ans. I do not.

Ques. You have lived in the said town with Mr. Franklin; have you not frequently seen and conversed with him since the early part of 1861, to the 1st January 1865?