

republican liberty, not only in the seceded States, but in the loyal States, and the establishment of a military despotism; during the war I do not remember hearing Mr. Franklin say anything on the abstract question of secession.

Cross-examination:

Q. You state that during the war you have had repeated conversations with Mr. Franklin, and that he has insisted he was a Union man; during all that time have you ever heard him rejoice at a triumph of the Federal arms?

A. No, sir.

Q. During all that time have you ever heard him express a regret at the defeat of the Federal arms?

A. No, sir.

Q. During all that time have you ever heard him express a desire for the success of the Federal arms over the Confederate arms?

A. No, sir.

Q. During the war have you ever heard him utter one expression of encouragement to the Government in that struggle for its existence?

A. No, sir, not that I recollect of.

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

GEO. W. COVINGTON.

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

William H. Smith, a witness produced on behalf of Mr. Franklin, being duly sworn, answers and says,

1st.

A. 25 years; been a voter about ten years; resided in 1865 in Princess Anne district.

2nd.

A. I did apply; I was notified of no charge; confronted with no witnesses; took the oath.

3rd. Waived.

4th. Waived.

Special Interrogatory. Were you or not registered as a qualified voter according to the published list?