

Crittenden Compromise or some amicable settlement of the difficulties which then threatened the quiet of the country. I think I did make some remarks at each of those conferences but not of the character contemplated by the interrogatory, to the best of my recollection. I think I did make a speech in Potato Neck district sometime in the early part of 1861, probably during the canvass between Mr. Crisfield and Mr. Henry, for Congress, and in the month of May, 1861, made a speech at Snow Hill. My recollection is, that those speeches at Potato Neck and Snow Hill were mainly upon the question of bringing back the Seceded States by force of arms, I argued against that policy. The question was then before the country upon a special election for Congress. I do not recollect discussing the questions mentioned in the interrogatory; I do recollect that the burden of my thoughts was for the disastrous effects which I feared for the whole country if we should become involved in a civil war. If I ever on any occasion, advocated the Union of Maryland with the South, it was only upon the condition that a separation of the States should become inevitable and with the consent of the separating parties. After the policy of the government was determined upon by Congress I made no political speech during thereon.

6th. Did you not know at the time you made your speeches at Potato Neck and Snow Hill that the Confederate authorities had taken armed possession of the navigation of the Mississippi, seized and taken possession of the forts and arsenals and other property of the United States at Mobile, Pensacola, Norfolk, Portsmouth and other places, and had, by the power of their arms, captured Fort Sumpter, near Charleston?

This question to be prefaced by: You stated in your answer to the previous question that the "burden of your thoughts was for the disastrous effects which you feared for the whole country if we should become involved in a civil war."

A. As to the navigation of the Mississippi, I do not recollect. I was aware that the Southern States had seized upon the forts and arsenals within their boundaries, and that Fort Sumpter had been taken by order of the Confederate Government, but I didn't consider that these acts necessarily involved the United States Government in a civil war; especially as I had been informed (at the April term of the Circuit Court of Somerset county and after the seizure of many of the Southern forts), by Judge Thomas A. Spence, that he had been informed that some days previous to the time when