

he was speaking to me, the Government at Washington had ordered the evacuation of Fort Sumpter. I supposed though Judge Spence did not say so, that he had received his information from Governor Thos. H. Hicks, residing in said town with Judge Spence. This led me to suppose that if public opinion in the North sustained the Government at Washington, that every effort would be made to avoid a collision of arms until there should be a reaction in the South, or some amicable adjustment of the pending difficulties. I did not give up the hope of avoiding a civil war until the battle of Bull Run, or just before.

7th. You allude, in your answer to the previous question, to a conversation with Judge Thomas A. Spence. Was that conversation before or after the fall of Fort Sumpter?

A. It was before.

8th. At what time did you make your speech in Snow Hill?

A. In May, 1861.

10th. Did you not in that speech denounce the call of the President of the United States for troops to protect the Capitol, and to enforce the laws in the States in rebellion?

A. I don't remember what I said upon the subject of the President's proclamation at that time. I only know that I was not opposed to the fullest defence of the Capitol, but feared that the troops, when raised and put under the command of the President, might be employed for a far different purpose.

10th. Did you not in that speech oppose any and all supplies to the Government of men and money to put down the rebellion?

A. I can only say from my present recollection of my opinions at that time, that I was opposed to the use of force by either party, but certainly not opposed to the Government's defending itself by all the means necessary for that purpose. I do not recollect the terms I used in that speech, and money to enforce the laws in the States in rebellion or the Seceded States?

11th. Did you not in that speech state in substance that you would vote for no man who would vote supplies of men

A. I did not use, to the best of my recollection, those terms or their equivalent, but I think it probable I did say in substance, that I would vote for no man who would vote supplies of men and money for a war of subjugation upon the South.

[To each and all the above cross-interrogatories to Mr. Jones, and the answers thereto, the claimant objects, which are noted here by consent.]