

John McDaniel, a witness produced on behalf of claimant, being duly sworn, answers and says:

To the first interrogatory:

A. Since 1814, (was born in 1788;) been a voter in this county since 1814; resided in 1865 in the 9th district.

2d:

A. Did apply; was notified of no charge; confronted with no witness; took the oath and answered all the questions; I heard of no objection at all; I was then put off two weeks, and required to bring two witnesses to prove my loyalty.

3d:

A. Did not vote; because I was not registered; would have voted for Franklin.

4th: Waived.

Special interrogatory. After ascertaining that you were not registered, did you or not apply to have the same corrected? if yea, state all that occurred between you and the registers.

A. I applied again merely for my own satisfaction, not to be registered; it was on the eve of breaking up for the day, two of the registers had left, and only Jacob White, one of the officers of registration, remained; I asked him be so kind as to tell me what objection he had to me; and I told him I have never done any thing against the Constitution in any shape or form, I had never aided or abetted, or done any thing for one side or the other, only to pay my taxes to the United States and State of Maryland; He then told me the objection, that I was a rebel; I told him that if I was it was more than I had ever known, I had always supported the government; he then stated I knew Mr. George Tod was a real rebel; I told him I did not know it, why, said he you make it a rule to go down there every evening to hear the papers read; no said I, I do not; but that I had frequently called in on coming from town and sit and hear him read awile; you know said he that the papers he takes are real rebel papers, why didn't you go to my house and hear the truth read; I said I didn't know where to find it, besides I could read it at home; said he, what papers does Mr. Tod read? I told him during the latter part of the war he read the Age; said he, you know that is a rebel lying paper, it may be so I replied, but I didn't know it; I then told him Mr. Tod all the forepart of the war he read the Press, and that is a rebel paper is it? and that about wound him up.