

John R. Franklin, Claimant, }
vs.
 Thomas A. Spence, Contestant, }

JANUARY 23d, 1866.

Met pursuant to adjournment at Princess Anne.

HENRY PAGE,

Clerk.

James M. Dryden, a witness produced on behalf of claimant, being duly sworn to special interrogatories marked "J. M. D.," answers and says:

To the first interrogatory:

A. I was.

2nd.

A. They asked me if I had ever heard Mr. Jones exulting over Southern victories, if I had ever heard him speaking favorably of the South and unfavourably of the Union army? They also asked me if I had heard Mr. Jones' speech, which he delivered here in Princess Anne, and if I had had much political conversation with Mr. Jones? I told them that I had had but little political conversation with Mr. Jones; that I had had a good deal of private business with him; that I had only heard him stating the news as published in the daily papers; that I was not present when he delivered his speech here, and knew nothing relative to it, and that I knew nothing to the prejudice of his loyalty.

Cross-examination: Waived.

The above has been read to me and is correct.

JAMES S. DRYDEN.

Written and attested to by H. Page, *Clerk.*