

ber, 1866; if so, did you then and there offer a ticket to the judges of election, at said polls as your ballot, and was it received or rejected; state also the name of the person printed on said ticket for State Senator, for whom you desired to vote; and what reason did the said judges assign for rejecting your vote, if they did so reject it?

Answer. I attended the polls on that day in District No. 10, I did not offer my ticket to the judges of election, because I saw others go up to vote, that were objected to and who did not get their votes. These parties did not get their votes because they refused to take the oath required of them by the judges of election; and I would not take the oath and therefore did not offer my vote. The name of Alfred Spates was printed on the ticket that I desired to vote, for State Senator.

By Mr. Spates:

Question. Was there or not a rule adopted by the judges of election in District No. 10, and announced to and known by persons generally in said district, that no one should vote without taking the oath before the said judges, who had been registered in 1866.

Answer. My father told me there was such a rule, and that is the reason I did not offer my vote.

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JOHN A. GAUER.
mark.

Attest—J. W. STRONG.

Deposition No. 21.

William Moon, having been by me duly sworn, deposed and said as follows, to wit:

By Mr. Spates:

Question. What is your name, age, occupation and residence, and how long have you lived there?

Answer. My name is William Moon, age 53 years, occupation farmer, reside in Election District No. 10, in Allegany county, Maryland, and have done so all my life time.

By Mr. Spates:

Question. Were you registered as a voter prior to the election in Allegany county, November 6th, 1866?

Answer. I was registered in September, 1866.

By Mr. Spates:

Question. Did you or not attend at the polls in said Election District in Allegany county, on the 6th day of November, 1866; if so, did you then and there offer a ticket to the judges of election at said polls, as your ballot, and was it received or rejected; state also the name of the person printed on said ticket for State Senator, for whom you desired to vote; and what reason did the said judges assign for rejecting your vote, if they did so reject it?