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Judges of Election with the names of the contestants printed on said ballots for House of Delegates, and offered, intended and tried to vote for contestants for said office, but said Judges of Election refused to receive their votes and deprived them of the right of voting for the contestants.

Eighth. That a large number of persons who were your partisans and friends and voted for you at said election, surrounded the polls with arms and weapons in election District No. 10 on the morning of election and held the said polls all that day and drove off by force, violence, threats and intimidation a large number of legal registered voters who were entitled to vote at said election for members of the House of Delegates, and who desired and intended and offered themselves ready at the polls with their ballots in their hands to vote for the contestants for the House of Delegates, and that these persons were forced off and could not put in their ballots for the contestants by reason of the force, violence, threats and intimidation aforesaid.

They further notify and require each of you to attend in person or by attorney at the Glades Hotel in Oakland, Allegany county, on Wednesday and Thursday, the 5th and 6th days of December next, at 10 o'clock A. M., to cross examine witnesses, and also attend in person or by attorney, at my office in the city of Cumberland, on Monday the 10th day of December next, at 10 o'clock A. M., to cross examine witnesses and do such matters in the premises as you desire. And you are further notified that if all said testimony cannot be taken on the days and at the places herein named, the taking of the same will be continued from day to day at the said named places until it is completed.

Given under my hand and seal this 21st day of November, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and sixty-six.

JOHN B. WIDENER, J. P. [SEAL.]

A copy of which said notice, with an affidavit of service thereof and certificate endorsed thereon, is herewith returned as part of this record, marked "Contestant's Exhibit B."

J. B. WIDENER,

Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland, in and for Allegany county, Maryland.

OAKLAND, ALLEGANY COUNTY, MD., December 5th, 1866.

In pursuance of the aforegoing notice, I attended, at the time and place therein designated, and having appointed Joseph A. Cahill as Clerk, and administered to him an oath to fairly write down and transcribe the depositions to be taken