

by me, did proceed then and there to take the following testimony to-wit :

*Deposition No. 1.*

CHARLES BEST; being duly sworn, deposed and said as follows to-wit :

By Mr. Devecmon :

1st Question.—What is your name, age, occupation and residence ?

Answer. My name is Charles Best, age 54, by occupation teacher ; residence, Allegany county, District No. 10.

By Mr. Devecmon :

2d Question.—How long have you resided in District No. 10.

Answer. For ten or twelve years.

By Mr. Devecmon :

3d Question. Did you or not attend the election held in Allegany county on the 6th day of November, 1866, and did you then and there offer a ticket to the Judges of Election in District No. 10 as your ballot, and was it received or rejected? and state the names of the persons on the ticket as candidates for the House of Delegates.

Answer. I did attend said election ; I offered a ticket to said Judges as my ballot ; it was refused. The names of the persons on the ticket as candidates for House of Delegates were, Patrick Hammill, Williams Devecmon, George W. McCulloh, William A. Bryden and John McElfish.

By Mr. Devecmon :

4th Question. Were there any men about the polls with arms, and did they intimidate and threaten any of the voters?

Answer. There were ; and they did intimidate voters. Two armed men were stationed at the door.

By Mr. Devecmon :

5th Question. To what party did these armed men belong ?

Answer. They belonged to what is called the Radical party.

By Mr. Devecmon :

6th Question. Were you a registered voter ?

Answer. I was.

By Mr. Devecmon :

7th Question. Did the Judges of Election give any reason for rejecting your vote ?