

Answer. They merely replied that there were charges against me.

By Mr. Devecmon :

8th Question. Do you know any other matter or thing which would be of advantage to the contestants in this case?

Answer. I think not.

*Cross-examined by Mr. Brown.*

1st Question. State how those men were armed.

Answer. They were armed with guns and pistols.

2d Question. How many armed men did you see?

Answer. Not less than twelve.

3rd. Question. Is it not a custom for men to take their arms with them to the polls?

Answer. It used to be the custom.

4th Question. Is not nearly every man in that District in the habit of using guns?

Answer. Almost all.

5th Question. Do men there go to church with their guns?

Answer. Not in my day.

6th Question. Did the Judges tell you what those charges were?

Answer. They did not.

7th Question. During the Rebellion did you furnish any aid or comfort to the rebels, or express any sympathy?

Answer. I furnished no aid or comfort in any way.

8th Question. Did the Judges ask you any questions?

Answer. They did not.

*Re-examined by Mr. Devecmon:*

1st Question. Were these armed men at the polls for the purpose of intimidating voters, and did their armed presence intimidate them.

Answer. Their presence did intimidate voters.

CHARLES BEST.

*Deposition No. 2.*

JACOB P. GOWER, being duly sworn, deposed and said as follows, to wit:

By Mr. Devecmon:

What is your name, age, residence and occupation?