

By Mr. Devecmon :

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

Answer. My name is Ralph Thayer Browning ; age, 29 ; live in District No. 15, Allegany County, Maryland, and by occupation a farmer.

2d Question. When did you registered ?

Answer. In September, 1866, in District No. 15.

3d Question. Did you attend the election held in District No. 15, Allegany County, Maryland, November 6, 1866 ; did you offer to vote ; was your vote refused or accepted, and whose names were on your ticket as candidates for House of Delegates ?

Answer. I attended said election ; offered to vote, but my vote was rejected. The Judges said I could not vote unless I would take the oath, and I refused to take it. The names of the parties on my ticket as candidates for House of Delegates were William Devecmon, William A. Bryden, John McElfish, Patrick Hammil and George W. McCulloh.

*Cross-examined by Mr. Brown.*

1st Question. Why did you not register in 1865 ?

Answer. I did not offer, had done nothing to disqualify me from registering, but did not care about voting then. I took no part in the war.

R. T. BROWNING.

*Deposition No. 38.*

JOHN GOWER, SR., being duly sworn, deposed and said as follow, to wit:

By Mr. Devecmon :

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

Answer. My name is John Gower, Sr., age 70, live in District No. 10, Allegany county, Maryland, and a farmer by occupation.

2nd Question. When did you register ?

Answer. In September 1866, in District No. 10.

3rd Question. Did you attend the election held in District No. 10, Allegany county, Maryland, November 6, 1866 ; did you offer to vote ; and was your vote accepted or rejected ; and whose names were on your ticket as candidates for House of Delegates ?

Answer. I attended said election, offered to vote, but the Judges refused my vote, because I would not take the oath