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JOHN GOWER.

*Deposition No. 39.*

JOHN BEARD, being duly sworn, deposed and said as follows, to wit:

By Mr. Devecmon :

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

Answer. My name is John Beard, age 55, live in District No. 10, and am a farmer.

2nd Question. When did you register ?

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

3rd Question. Did you attend the election held in District No. 10, Allegany county, Maryland, November 6, 1866; did you offer to vote; 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 which I took before the Register. The names of the parties on my ticket as candidates for House of Delegates, were William Devecmon, Patrick Hammil, George W. McCulloh, John McElfish and William A. Bryden.

I was always loyal, and did not register in 1865, because I thought the registry law would be repealed.

JOHN BEARD.

*Deposition No. 40.*

JOHN W. GOWER, being duly sworn, deposed and said as follows, to wit :

By Mr. Devecmon :

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

Answer. My name is John W. Gower, age 48 years, live in District No. 10, Allegany county, Maryland, and by occupation a farmer.

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