

vious to the meeting held October 27, 1866, and a motion was made at this meeting to adjourn to the 27th of October, for the purpose of organizing a squad or company of armed men to go to the polls on the day of election, and Dr. Ohr approved and sanctioned this motion. Captain Falkenstine made a short speech at this meeting. This meeting of October 23d, and also the meeting October 27, were held in Ryan Glade's School House in District No. 10, Allegany county, Maryland. Upton F. Briggs was President of the meeting that organized this company. Mr. James Chisholm, one of the Judges of Election, was present at the meeting October 23d. He was afterwards at the meeting October 27, 1866, and was appointed on the committee to draft resolutions.

4th Question. Do you know anything about the resolutions passed at said meeting, Oct. 27th, 1866?

Answer. Nothing, particularly, except denouncing Governor Swann and President Johnson.

5th Question. Was it generally understood after October 27th, 1866, in District No. 10, that an armed force would be at the polls, Nov. 6th, 1866?

Answer. It was generally understood.

TOBIAS S. FISHER.

*Deposition No. 59.*

JAMES BRAFFORD, 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 James Brafford; age 58; reside in Dist. No. 10, Allegany county, Md., and am a farmer by occupation.

2d Question. Do you know anything about a meeting held by the Radicals in Ryan's Glades School House, District No. 10, Allegany county, Md., Oct. 23. 1866?

Answer. I was present at said meeting. Oct. 23d, 1866; when I went into the meeting, Dr. Chas. H. Ohr was speaking; in the latter part of his speech he advised his hearers to secretly get up some ten or twelve men, and arm them, to guard the Judges of Election; and Mr. James Chisholm, one of the Judges of Election, then said nothing could be done secretly at this meeting, but that a secret meeting would be held on the Saturday evening following October 27th, 1866.

I did not go to the election, because I had not been long enough in the county and State to entitle me to vote.

JAMES BRAFFORD.