

and I reside in District No. 10, Allegany county, Maryland ; I have resided there 17 years.

2d Interrog. State whether or not you were Judge of Election for your District at the election on the 6th of November last ; and if so, state whether there were persons who failed to vote at said election, and if any so failed state the reasons fully ?

Answer. I was Return Judge for District No. 10, Allegany county, Md., at said election. There were a number of persons who were not allowed to vote, because they would not take the oath set forth in section 4, of Article 1, of the Constitution of the State of Maryland. All those that offered to vote that would take the above mentioned oath, were permitted to vote, excepting those who had charges preferred against them before the Registers of 1865. All those registered in 1866 who had no charges preferred against them in 1865, would have been permitted to vote had they taken the same oath, which the Judges of election requested them to take, and which some of them would not take. Thirteen took the oath and voted, some of whom were registered in 1865, and some in 1866. The Judges of the election in their discretion, under the Constitution of the State of Maryland, considered it their duty to request this oath to be taken. I cannot now recollect the parties who refused to take the oath, and failed to vote.

3d Interrog; Was there, or not, an armed force at the polls in District No. 10; on the day of the election, and if there were men with arms, what use did they make of them, and what was their general demeanor, and why did they come there with their arms ?

Answer. I saw some men armed with guns at the polls, but they made no use of them as far as I saw or heard, neither did I hear the report of a gun during the day. I did not hear a word of dispute between any parties, and the election passed off more quietly than usual. A report was circulated, for more than a month previous to the 6th of November, that the Union party was to be assailed on the day of election, and the polls taken by the other party, this rumor I believe, caused these parties to come with arms. I heard of this rumor often myself. It is customary for men to carry their rifles to the polls, and sometimes they shoot at mark, all day.

4th Interrog. Were any voters intimidated or prevented from voting by the armed men above mentioned ?

Answer. Not that I know of.

JAMES CHISHOLM.

GEORGE S. LEE, being duly sworn and examined by interrogatories, deposes and says :