

FEBRUARY 9th, 1865.

Committee on Elections—Messrs. Lee, of Baltimore city, Hoffman, Wooden, Chew, Buhrman, Valliant, Hodson.

Contested election of Richard Grason by James L. Ridgely.

Committee met at 12 M. Present all the members.

Milton Whitney, Esq., appeared as counsel for Richard Grason, claimant. Henry Stockbridge, Esq., appeared as counsel for James L. Ridgely, contestant.

Mr. Eugene L. Didier, of Baltimore, was sworn as stenographic reporter to the committee, to perform the duty of that office well and faithfully to the best of his ability.

EXAMINATION OF WITNESSES.

JAMES SHERIDAN, called as a witness for the contestant, being duly sworn, testified as follow :

Question. State your name, age residence and business?

Answer. My name is James Sheriden, I am in my thirty-fourth year, I reside at Towson town, and am a blacksmith.

Question. Are you acquainted with Mr. Grason and if so, how long have you known him?

Answer. I have known him four or five years.

Question. State any facts if you know of any, tending to show that Mr. Grason has been at any time in armed hostility to the United States or the lawful authorities thereof?

Answer. Previous to the 19th of April, 1851, some time in the fall of 1860, there was a horse troop organized in Towson town, called the Baltimore County Horse Guards. Mr. Grason was, I believe, a member of that company. It continued to drill there from time to time, and on the Saturday after the 19th of April, they were called to go the city of Baltimore; in obedience to the call they went.

Question. Did you see that company in the vicinity of the 19th of April, in uniform, and under arms?

Answer. I did.

Question. Who commanded that company?

Answer. Capt. Ridgely, of Hampton, I believe.

Question. State if you remember any other officers of that company?

Answer. I believe Mr. George Carman was one, and Mr. Grason, I believe, was another.

Question. What office, as you saw him, discharge the duties, did Mr. Grason occupy?

Answer. To the best of my knowledge, he has Lieutenant.

Question. You saw him with them, did you?