

The Committee then adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock, P. M.

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The Committee met pursuant to adjournment. Present: all the members.

THOMAS H. LONGFELLOW, called as a witness for the contestant, being duly sworn, testified as follows:

Question. State your name, age, residence and occupation?

Answer. My name is Thomas H. Longfellow; I am thirty years old, and a native of Kent county, Eastern Shore of Maryland, but now live in Baltimore; am Deputy Grain Inspector of Baltimore city.

Question. Are you acquainted with Mr. Grason?

Answer. Yes.

Question. How long have you known him?

Answer. I was well acquainted with Mr. Grason at least ten (10) years. I lived in Elkton, Cecil county, from 1850, eight (8) or nine (9) years. I knew Mr. Grason at that time.

Question. Have you known Mr. Grason within the last four (4) years to do any acts of disloyalty to the Government?

Answer. Only one case, that I know of, came under my observation. On the 23d day of July last, on Saturday morning, I was at the Steam Boat wharf just before she left for the Eastern Shore. I was in conversation with a Police Officer named William Pyles, No. 275, Southern District. While we were standing there, in conversation, I saw Mr. Grason come up with a carpet bag in his hand. As he passed on the boat, he handed his pass to the guard stationed there to receive the passes; as he did so, Mr. Pyles jerked the pass from the guard's hand.

[The Counsel for the Respondent objected to this testimony: first, because he did not consider it competent; secondly, because it will consume considerable time to bring evidence for the purpose of showing all the circumstances connected with the transaction; and also that it does not come under the grounds set forth in this memorial.]

[The Counsel for the Contestant claimed that it did come within the ground of the memorial.]

The committee was charged, and after mature deliberation, it was decided to admit the evidence.

Answer. The police officer held up the pass and asked me if I was sure that was Mr. Grason; I told him I knew it was; that I was acquainted with him personally. He said it is not his name; on the pass was the name of Thomas Jenkins.

Question. You did not hear or see Mr. Grason do anything further at that time, did you?

Answer. No.

*The Examination in chief of this witness was here concluded.*