

Question. State if you know whether he has encouraged secession in Maryland?

Answer. All that I know about it is, that I heard Mr. Grason say, in company with some five (5) or six (6) others, as I was walking around them in the Court House, that if the State of Maryland did not go out of the Union, he would; if Maryland did not secede, he would; he was talking to Mr. Carman, Mr. Boarman and two (2) or three (3) other gentlemen.

Question. Did you see that flag which you have spoken of, raised over Ady's Hotel?

Answer. Yes; I saw it put up.

Question. At that time, or at any other time, did you hear Mr. Grason give any cheers to that flag, or any secession or rebel flag, or to the rebel leaders?

Answer. The Union flag was taken down Sunday the 21st of April, and there was no more put up there until Monday the 29th April, if I mistake not; the ladies of Towson town and the vicinity, agreed that they would hoist the Stars and Stripes again; they met together in the Odd Fellow's Hall; the ladies had the flag in there; there was addresses delivered by Mr. Joseph J.—and Mr. Yellott; I don't know what his name is; they call him Tip Yellott; the ladies took the flag from there and carried it over to the pole, and it was drawn up; when it got up some ten (10) or twelve (12) feet, the rope caught; there was a great crowd around there of ladies, gentlemen and boys, all cheering as it went up; when it hung down at Mr. Ady's Hotel, which was about sixty (60) or seventy (70) yards from the pole; there was a number of men there, some fifteen (15) or twenty (20) stood there; they cheered for Jeff Davis; Mr. Grason was standing in the company there; he pulled his hat off, and swung it around; what he said I can't say, whether he cheered for Jeff Davis and the Southern Confederacy; I can't say; he was down there; he was one of the front ones, standing out next to the company; and the company cheered down there for Jeff Davis and the South; I could hear them hurraing; I could hear the name of Jeff Davis.

Question. Do you know of any other acts of similar character to these you have stated, of Mr. Grason; did you hear him say anything encouraging the rebellion besides these?

Answer. No; not since that; everything has been quiet since the company has dispersed; they never have made use of expressions in the neighborhood like they did before.

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

*Cross-examination.*

Question when was this conversation that you speak of, at the court house between Mr. Grason, Boarman and others?