

*The examination of this witness was here concluded.*

THOMAS TAYLOR, called as a witness for the Contestant, being duly sworn, testified as follows :

Question. State your name, and residence ?

Answer. My name is Thomas Taylor; I reside two (2) miles below Towsontown.

Question. Were you in the city of Baltimore on the 19th and 20th of April, 1861 ?

Answer. Yes ; I was there on the 20th of April.

Question. State briefly to the committee, what was the condition of things while you were there ?

Answer. There was a good deal of excitement when I was there.

Question. Were there men under arms, and on a war footing at that time ?

Answer. Yes.

Question. For what purpose, or against what power, were those men under arms ?

Answer. To the best of my knowledge, I do not know.

Question. Were you in Towsontown on either of those days ?

Answer. Yes ; I was in Towsontown on the 20th and 21st. I think.

Question. Were there none under arms in Towsontown on these days ?

Answer. Yes.

Question. What were they ?

Answer. The Baltimore County Horse Guards and some of the Towson Guards.

Question. For what purpose, or against what authority or power were they under arms ?

Answer. I do not know positively.

Question. Did you hear any public announcement of their purpose ?

Answer. No.

Question. From who did they receive their orders ?

Answer. I dont know positively.

Question. Who were the officers of that company of Horse Guards ?

Answer. Capt. Charles Ridgely of Hampton ; 1st Lieut. John Merryman, of Hayfield ; 2d. Lieut. Mr. Grason, I think ; 3d Lieut. Mr. Carman.

Question. From whom did that company receive the orders for movements at that time ?

Answer. I dont know.

Question. Did you see any orders or dispatches brought to the head quarters of the company from any direction ?