

Question. Had the conversation any reference to the movements of the Baltimore County Horse Guards?

Answer. The remark that John Merryman made to me had a decided reference in regard to it; he was one of the officers of the company.

Question. What was that remark of Mr. Merryman?

[The counsel for the Respondent objected to the question; the Respondent objects to the admissibility of any declarations made by Mr. Merryman out of his hearing.]

[The majority of the committee decided to admit the evidence.]

[Mr. Chew and Mr. Hodson, minority of the committee, disagree with the majority, unless Mr. Grason heard the declaration.]

Answer. It was on Sunday morning the 21st of April, there was a large number of persons coming out there from Baltimore, most of them armed; some members of this company of Horse Guards had made the remark about the flag should come down; it was then that I went up to Mr. Merryman, and asked him if he would not, on behalf of the Horse Guards, and I, on the part of the Towson Guards, do all we could to preserve peace between those two companies, as there seemed to be a chance at that time of a collision; he answered me, that we are not acting with them; we are not with them, and would not have anything to do with us; that we would have to take care of ourselves.

Question. Have you any knowledge of what became of the muskets that were sent out to the Horse Guards from town?

Answer. As far as my recollection of these muskets goes, they were distributed to the members of that company.

Question. Have you any knowledge of the source from which they were gathered and collected?

Answer. Yes; it was the time the Pennsylvania company was on the Northern Central Rail Road, at the Relay House; I think it was about 12 o'clock one night; I had been playing cards; I came out on the turnpike, and saw this company drawn up; I saw several members of our company, and asked them what they were doing; they said they had come after the arms belonging to the Horse Guards; they searched Mr. Ady's house, and went to several places around the country and gathered them up; I don't think they found any in Ady's Hotel.

Question. State any knowledge you have of any arms being obtained at Mr. Grason's house?

Answer. The only knowledge I have of it is that one of the officers went over to Mr. Grason's house; he was the Captain of the company that finally went over to Mr. Grason's house and brought back one rifle.

Question. Did you see the Union flag raised on that pole after it had been suppressed for some time?

Answer. Yes.