

Question. Had you a conversation with him about the time the Southern States seceded?

Answer. Yes: both before and after they seceded; I think about the time of the attack on Fort Sumpter.

Question. During the conversation about that, what was the opinion expressed by Mr. Grason?

Answer. He thought they had no grounds to secede, but was very much opposed to it. I know when that Palmetto flag was hoisted on the court house, he was very much opposed to it, and exerted his influence against it; that was just about the 19th of April; it was put up as a joke, I believe.

Question. Were the conversations which you had with him frequent?

Answer. Quite frequent at that time. I was more intimate at Mr. Grason's house than with any other family in the neighborhood, I used frequently to go to his office and talk with him on Sunday, his office is in his house.

Question. Did you ever at any time hear him express any sympathy with the rebels?

Answer. I never have.

Question. As a Union man yourself, did you look upon him as a loyal man, from your conversation?

Answer. Yes, that is a man who does not talk against the Government and always acted with the Government. Mr. Grason, to my certain knowledge never did anything to the contrary.

Question. Did I understand you to say that he expressed to you his disapprobation at the course of the Southern States in seceding, and that in his judgment they had no grounds for it?

Answer. Yes, he thought it was hasty and that they had no proper grounds for it.

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

#### *Cross-examination.*

Question. Are you acquainted with John Merryman and George Carman, of whom you spoke?

Answer. Yes, I know them both.

Question. Do you recollect if you had a conversation with George Carman about our national affairs?

Answer. To the best of my recollection, I never have.

Question. Through the week that followed the 19th of April did you see Mr. Grason frequently?

Answer. Not very frequently.

Question. Did you see him at all?