

Answer. He has distinctly affirmed it to me.

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

*Cross-examination.*

Question. How soon after the 19th of April did your first conversation with Mr. Grason take place?

Answer. It is impossible for me to fix it.

Question. Can you say whether it was a month, six weeks, or a year?

Answer. It seems to me it was somewhere about the time when men were shaky on this subject.

Question. About that time was the last conversation you had with him on this subject?

Answer. I have not had a conversation with Mr. Grason on the subject for a year or two; I have had no conversation since I have thought the government was established on a lasting foundation.

Question. How many conversations had you in all?

Answer. Three or four.

Question. Was your position distinctly declared, and well understood by Mr. Grason?

Answer. Distinctly.

Question. Had you any conversation with him in the presence or hearing of any persons whom you recognize now to be disloyal?

Answer. I had a conversation in the presence of several persons that I suspected of squinting amazingly in the direction of disloyalty.

Question. Did you gather Mr. Grason's position chiefly from his acquiescence in what you have said of his opinion?

Answer. My impressions were derived from what he said at that time; he expressed himself as hostile to secession.

Question. Can you name any persons who were present at that time?

Answer. I think, at one time, young Thompson, who afterwards went and joined the southern army; there were several other parties whom I do not recollect; I paid very little attention to them; Mr. Grason's position made me desirous of hearing him; I wanted to know what his opinions were; the impression made upon me, was, that he would be found true to the flag. I recollect speaking to persons in my office from Baltimore, who I thought would be likely to be indoctrinated with this thing of secession, and they said to me: "Rogers, you find Grason all right, for, being a half Yankee yourself, you find him to be a whole made Yankee." This tended to confirm me that he was all right. I don't know anything about his acts; I can only tell the impression made upon my mind.

*The examination of this witness was here concluded.*