

Answer. No: I entered the building and stood at the parlor door before a person about the house was aware of it.

Question. Was there any investigation or examination, before the release was given by General Wool?

Answer. Yes.

Question. What sort of examination?

Answer. The parties were taken before the General; no witnesses were brought; the General asked me how they were engaged, what my opinion was, etc. I said it was merely a social gathering. He then asked me why I brought them in. I informed the General that I was sent by an order of his, and I executed it; I had no discretionary power given me; if my memory serves me, the General wrote an oath or obligation to which they subscribed. I think he wrote an obligation that they would give no assistance to the Southern Confederacy and obey the laws of the country: I will not be positive.

Question. You think then, there was a parol given?

Answer. Yes.

*By the Committee.*

Question by the Committee. General Wool asked you the question how the party was engaged?

Answer. Yes: how they were engaged, and what my opinion was.

*Cross-examination resumed.*

Question. Did you know the persons that you arrested—do you know whether any of them were in any way connected with the rebellion of the South, or any on a visit to that vicinity at the time?

Answer. No: there was but one of the party that I had ever seen before; that was Mr. Merryman.

Question. Was the arrest made under the impression that it was a festival or company given to persons from the South?

Answer. I went there under the impression that it was an armed party of men drilling for some disloyal purpose.

*Direct examination resumed.*

Question. After your statement to the General of the facts connected with the gathering, do you recollect whether or not he instructed you to apologise to the ladies for having disturbed them?

Answer. He instructed me to send out a communication exonerating them, which I done.