

Did these specifications state that we had obtained a pass, improperly, to go to the Eastern Shore? Did these specifications tell us that we were in consort with a disloyal company at Mr. White's house? No. We are as much taken by surprise at the introduction of that testimony, as the counsel of the other side can be surprised at the result of the specification commenced upon their side. There should be no surprise about this matter by the gentlemen contesting this election, we ask that this inquiry should be made under the provisions of the constitution. I am satisfied that neither Mr. Ridgely nor Mr. Grason have a right to narrow the scope of that duty which devolves upon you. You cannot relieve yourself of any responsibility by any course of action which they may enter into. I suppose no agreement could limit the scope of this duty, and change the character of the responsibility resting upon this committee.

The objection sustained, the majority of the committee decide that the evidence is inadmissible as offered by the counsel for the Respondent. Mr. Chew and Mr. Hodson the minority disagree with that opinion.

Mr. Chew, of the committee, asked the witness the Respondent's question, upon the grounds that Mr. Ridgely, the Contestant, in his memorial asked to be accorded this office for the reason that his opponent is disqualified to hold the office by reason of his disloyalty, and I further consider the loyalty of the memorialist in his prayer to this petition, is involved in this inquiry, and a question which this committee are bound to inquire into under the constitutional provision relating to this contested election.

The majority of the committee refuse to allow Mr. Chew the right to ask that question.

The Committee adjourned until February, 28th at 10 o'clock, A. M.

FEBRUARY 28th, 1865,  
10 o'clock, A. M.

The Committee met, pursuant to adjournment. Present, all the members.

HENRY GRIFFIN, called as a witness for the Respondent, being duly sworn, testified as follows:

Question. State your name, age residence and business?

Answer. My name is Henry Griffin; I am 48 years old, I live in E. Baltimore street, I am a butcher.

Question. Where did you reside last summer?

Answer. In Harford.

Question. Do you recollect the time of the raid of the rebels into Towsontown?

Answer. Yes.