

you, you must return with me," which they did. I then went back very near to Judge Grason's house; I left him very near his house. He went in his house and I returned to the Smedley House.

Question. Then it was at your request that he went out; you brought him out of his house to look for the children?

Answer. Yes; he seemed to be rather desirous of staying in his house.

*The examination of this witness was here concluded.*

R. EDWIN HOOK, 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 R. Edwin Hook; I am 31 years old; no business at present; have been clerk to the Sheriff of Baltimore county for several years past; I reside in Baltimore county.

Question. What was your business in April, 1861?

Answer. Clerk to the Sheriff of Baltimore county.

Question. Who was the Sheriff?

Answer. Francis I. Wheeler.

Question. Where is he now?

Answer. I heard he was in Martinsburg, agent for Adams' Express Company.

Question. You were clerk for Mr. Wheeler at the time of the troubles, on or about the 19th of April, 1861, were you not?

Answer. Yes.

Question. State whether to your knowledge, he deputed any persons, if so, who, to act as conservators of the peace?

Answer. Yes; I remember he deputed a number; I cannot mention any particular persons; he gave a printed form.

Question. Do you know whether he gave those to members of the military companies there?

Answer. I think he did; I think they were all furnished with them.

(The council for Respondent here showed the witness a printed paper, and asked him to state whether that was the form in which they were printed. The witness identified the paper as the same as those issued by the sheriff.)

The counsel for the Respondent then offered this paper in evidence, which was marked "Exhibit A."