

"EXHIBIT A."

SHERIFF'S OFFICE,

TOWSONTOWN, MD., *April 22d*, 1861.

MR. RICHARD GRASON:—Reposing entire confidence in your prudence, determination and integrity, I hereby summon and depute you as Deputy Sheriff for Baltimore county, for the purpose of preserving peace and order, and the protection of property and the citizens of the county in their Constitutional rights.

You will also at once arrest any person showing a disposition to riot, or interrupt any person or persons in their Constitutional right, or for any violation of the laws, and have them held to bail or committed. For so doing, this shall be your sufficient authority.

F. I. WHEELER,

Sheriff of Baltimore County.

Question. You stated that you think this was issued to the members of both of the military companies at Towsontown?

Answer. Yes.

Question. Was Mr. Wheeler a member of either one of the companies?

Answer. Yes; he was a member of the cavalry company.

Question. Still he issued these orders to the Towson Guards, equally with his own company?

Answer. Yes.

Question. Did you ever know of any feelings of hostility existing at the time between those two companies as companies?

Answer. No.

Question. Were you present when the flag was put over Ady's hotel?

Answer. Yes.

Question. By whom was it put up?

Answer. By Harry Gilmore, a young man named Clark, and myself: we were all three (3) together.

Question. Who brought it there?

Answer. Gilmore. I think he got it from Baltimore.

Question. What flag was it?

Answer. A piece of white muslin with the Maryland coat of arms upon it.

Question. Nothing else?

Answer. There was nothing else on it.

Question. Did you see it before it was put up?

Answer. Yes. I had hold of it.

Question. Had any other parties anything to do with putting up that flag?

Answer. No.