

ATWOOD BLUNT, called as a witness for the Respondent, being duly sworn, testified as follows :

Question. State your name, age, residence, and occupation?

Answer. My name is Atwood Blunt, I am 41 years old, I reside in Baltimore county, I am a farmer.

Question. How long have resided there?

Answer. About twelve (12) years.

Question. Are you acquainted with Mr. James L. Ridgely?

Answer. I am.

Question. How long have you known him?

Answer. I do not know that I could bring it to my recollection exactly how long. I became acquainted with him in the early part of my residence in Baltimore county, three or four years after I came there to live, I presume about eight or nine years.

The counsel for the Respondent, here offered the paper which was marked "Exhibit B."

#### "EXHIBIT B."

The Respondent offers to prove by Atwood Blunt, a competent witness, that he was drafted in the first draft in the year 1862, and consulted James L. Ridgely, the Contestant, as to what witness had better do : that said Ridgely advised the witness he had better leave his home and get out of the way, and that he, said Ridgely, had made preparations for his, Ridgely's sons, to pursue the same course in the event of their being drafted ; that witness never either directly or indirectly communicated this conversation to said Respondent, nor does he know in what manner he became aware of it, as the witness regarded it as confidential between himself and Mr. Ridgely, and mentioned it to no one outside of his own family.

The minority of the committee thought the testimony of this witness was admissable for the same reasons that they thought the testimony of Enos Smedley was admissable.

LEMUEL OFFUTT, called as a witness for the Respondent, being duly sworn, testified as follow:

Question. State your name, age, residence and business?

Answer. My name is Lemuel Offutt, I am sixty years old, I reside in Baltimore county, second Election District; I am a farmer.

Question. Are you acquainted with Mr. James L. Ridgely?

Answer. I have known him thirty (30) years.

Question. How long have you resided in Baltimore county?

Answer. I came there in 1832.

The counsel for the Respondent, here offered the paper marked "Exhibit C."