

uniform and go to the armory for the protection of our property. When I got up to the armory the military had all gone round in Calvert street; I joined them there and remained some hour or two. We were then ordered back to the armory and informed in case our services were required, the alarm would be given by the ringing of bells. That was the evening of the 19th of April.

Question. How long did you remain on duty?

Answer. Off and on for a week or ten days.

Question. Were the military under arms at the same time?

Answer. Yes; there was four companies kept under arms for a week or ten days; one company of the City Guards, one of the Maryland Guards, a German Rifle Company and a company of the Law Greys; all under the command of Major Parks.

Question. Who had the general command of the militia at that that time?

Answer. General Steuart.

Question. At that time was the military of the city generally out under arms?

Answer. Yes; I believe so.

Question. Did you perform any special duty at that time?

Answer. We did on Sunday, the 21st of April. On Sunday a note was received by Col. Warner from Mr. Harris, who had a store on Pratt street, he was afraid the mob were going to break into his store, and he requested Col. Warner to send some of the company there to protect it. We went down and remained there until about four o'clock. Nobody came there to make any disturbance; we were relieved by another company of City Guards and we returned to the armory.

Question. What was the general understanding as to the duty you were to perform while under arms?

Answer. We were called together for the purpose of suppressing any riot that might occur from whatever cause it might be.

Question. Did you consider yourself in armed hostility to the Government of the United States?

Answer. No.

Question. Did you consider it was your duty to give any aid, assistance and comfort to the enemies of the United States?

Answer. No.

Question. Are not a great many of those men who were in arms at that time, now in the army of the United States?

Answer. Yes.

Question. Were they not at that time known as Union men?

Answer. Yes, some of the principle ones; Col. Johnson, now Brigadier General, was out during the whole time under arms; we were together the greater part of the time.