

Answer. My name is A. Sterrett Ridgely, and I am a member of the Baltimore bar.

Question. You know Mr. Grason very well don't you?

Answer. Yes ; he is a brother-in-law of mine, Mr. Grason married my sister.

Question. Do you recollect having seen Mr. Grason in Baltimore on or about the 19th of April?

Answer. On the 19th of April, the day of what I deemed a most unjustifiable attack upon the Massachusetts troops—I had been occupied all the forenoon in my office ; about (12) twelve or (1) one o'clock just after the attack, almost at the time of the attack, I came down to the street and found the wildest excitement prevailing, I went down towards Market street for the purpose of enquiring into the particulars of it, there I learned of the attack that had been made upon the Massachusetts troops : about the same time I heard of the death of young Davis, of the firm of Pegram, Paynter and Davis. Mr. Davis seemed to have been very well and extensively known in the city at the time, and his death together with those of the Massachusetts soldiers, produced a great excitement. I do not think I ever witnessed a wilder state of excitement than that which prevailed on that occasion, there were various reports in circulation in regard to other troops, and various opinions expressed as to what should be done in order to prevent bloodshed in our city ; everybody seemed to be apprehending a riot and a regular seen of bloodshed in our city. I remember in the midst of this excitement meeting near the Bank of Baltimore, Mr. John Merryman, of Baltimore county, who had something to do with a troop of horse in that county, he was talking to one or two gentlemen and I joined the circle, he turned to me and said a plan had occurred to him by which to prevent any more troops to come to the city of Baltimore. I asked him what it was, he said ; if twenty men would join him he would go and destroy some of the bridges leading to the city. I said : Merryman does your object partake of the character of a police movement and is for the purpose and sole purpose of preventing bloodshed, and suspending the movements of those troops temporarily until this excitement subsides. I really think it's the wisest proposition I have heard to-day (for there is very little wisdom that was said on that occasion) they were in the greatest excitement, everybody seemed to be apprehending bloodshed and a general scene of riot and confusion in town, it was at the same time reported that there were many armed troops on their way to the city, I was apprehensive that if they were permitted to come into the city there would be butchery in the streets.

I have always been a Union man of the most unconditional character, and have always considered that the right of the troops to pass through the city in obedience to the call of the