

gentleman, as we approached Towson town, he observed it and said the flag was replaced on the pole. My recollection is distinct on that matter. As to the second time spoken of here, I do not know the dates at all; if it was in August, I went to Cape May about the middle of July, and did not return until the middle of August, I was gone some two or three weeks. I certainly was not at either the flag raisings, and have no knowledge of anything of the kind having taken place. I am not positive about my being to Cape May, but I left town to go there. I think I left the latter part of July. I have no recollection as to the time the flag was raised, but I went away the the latter part of July and did not return until the middle of August. I have no recollection at which of the flag raisings I heard of a fight between one of the members of the bar there, and his nephew; this was told to me after my return. I was out of town at the time it happened.

Question. State whether or not you were present at the Clerk's office at any time when a conversation was had in which Mr. Grason took part, and at which Mr. Kone came up at any time during the conversation?

Answer. I think it was some time in March preceding the April of 1861, before the breaking out of the rebellion, I was in the Court House, I think during the session of the Court; Mr. Kone brings us our mail over, and my recollection is not distinct whether he was returning with the mail or not, but I recollect his coming into the office while we were there, we were talking politics, discussing the question of separation, supposing such a thing should take place; we were looking to what would become of the country in case there should be a separation and in particular what would become of the Border States, and Mr. Grason said, that Maryland located as she was, with her tributaries passing through the other States, in case there was a separation, with her Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road passing through Virginia, and that Norfolk, in case of the separation would become the great commercial emporium of the South, and the southern trade which had formerly supported Baltimore to a great extent, and the commercial interests of Maryland would be broken up in case of a separation; looking at it in that point of view, he said he would either leave the State or secede. Mr. Kone came into our office during the time of the conversation.

Question. How long was Kone there?

Answer. I do not recollect; I think when he in most of the conversation was over; he certainly did not hear the beginning of it, or the middle of it; we had pretty nearly concluded our conversation.

Question. Do you think that was before any armed hostility?