

Answer. Yes ; I feel pretty sure of it ; my recollection is that it was in March, that the session of the Court was then pending.

Question. Had that conversation any reference to any rebellion ?

Answer. No ; the whole conversation predicated upon the supposition that there would be a separation of the States ; supposing there was a separation of the States, our conversation was entirely predicated upon that, looking to the interest of these Border States, what would become of us ; I think we agreed that in case the States that had rebelled, that Baltimore and Norfolk should be built up as the commercial tributaries of Maryland, pass through those rebellious States, the great arteries of commerce would be cut off, and our State considerably damaged thereby, and Maryland depreciated commercially if such a thing should happen, but as to leaving the State I do not know whether I ever concurred in that.

Question. Was it known at that time whether or not the States would be allowed to separate peacefully ?

Answer. Well, no ; it was not known what action would be taken.

Question. Did Mr. Grason express any sentiments of disloyalty or any hostility to the Government of the United States at that time ?

Answer. None that I head.

*The examination in chief of this witness was here concluded.*

*By the Committee*

*Question by the Committee.* Did he not say if Maryland did not secede that he would leave ?

Answer. If in case of a separation, there was a division of the country and Maryland was attached to the North, he would leave and secede from Maryland ; he did not say he would go South, he did not say where he would go.

*Question by the Committee.* Was there any thing said in regard to the Potomac being the boundary ?

Answer. Yes ; I recollect that something was said that the Potomac river should be the boundary in case of a separation.

*Question by the Committee.* I understood you to say the conversation was based upon a peaceful separation ?

Answer. I do not think it was said how, it was a case of a separation of the States, there was no hostility spoken of, a great many person believed that the States would be allowed to go quietly ; a great many contended that if there was a separation of the States, the Potomac should be the boundary, then he would leave or secede.