

came up, we stopped them, and they started to run back, we caught two (2) of them, they were armed with breech-loading muskets, they came up the pike from towards Baltimore.

Question. What was done with them?

Answer. We kept them in the hall all night, in the morning we took the guns from them, and let them go.

Question. Were they arrested by your pickets?

Answer. Yes.

Question. Had the Baltimore County Horse Guards, previous to this time, occupied your hall as their headquarters?

Answer. Yes.

Question. Were there any ill feelings existing between the two (2) companies as military organizations?

Answer. No; not as companies; there was individuals in both companies hostile to each other; I think, even before there was any companies at all, they were.

Question. Had the officers of the two (2) companies been on amicable and agreeable terms?

Answer. Yes.

Question. Were they so during the existence of these troubles when they were upon duty?

Answer. Yes; at least they were with me.

Question. Did you consider that you were acting in hostility to each other?

Answer. No; no.

Question. As an officer of the Towson Guards, did you advise and consult with any officers of the Horse Guards as to what ought to be done under the circumstances?

Answer. Yes; after the arrest of these men I sent over to the headquarters of the Horse Guards, to ask Captain Ridgely what he thought I ought to do with them, he said the best thing is to keep them all night, take their guns from them, and in the morning let them go; and I acted upon his advice, and did so.

Question. Were you in and out of their headquarters?

Answer. Yes; I was there frequently.

Question. Did you understand that you were acting in concert with them for a general purpose?

Answer. I suppose we were pretty much there for the same purpose at Towson town.

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

*Cross-examination.*

Question. You have spoken of hostility between members of the Horse Guards and Towson Guards, what was the character of the hostility, political or personal?

Answer. I think it was political.