

by individual members of the Horse Guards, not as a company. If they followed them it was on the occasion of the burning of the bridges.

Question. Do you not know whether the company had any orders to pursue these troops and destroy the bridge behind them?

Answer. I never knew they had any positive orders.

Question. By whose orders were they acting?

Answer. By the orders of Lieutenant Merryman.

Question. At the time those troops were stationed at Cockeysville did you or either of the Lieutenants, or any portion of the company go out into the vicinity where they were?

Answer. I never knew particularly the ground upon which those troops were located. I never saw the troops while they were located at Cockeysville, I was within a few miles of them.

Question. How near to the house of Peter Cockey were those troops stationed?

Answer. I suppose within four or five hundred yards.

Question. Did you, or did the company, so far as you know, communicate with the commander of those troops, or have any intercourse or communication with them?

Answer. I do not know that we did as a company.

Question. Did all the company go with you down to Fort McHenry?

Answer. I do not know any that did not go.

Question. Did you communicate with the officers of the Fort at that time?

Answer. There was another military company accompanied us to the Fort.

Question. Do you know whether that communicated with the officers of the Fort?

Answer. No: I do not.

Question. Do I understand you that you went there to protect the Fort against attack?

Answer. As I remarked, a report came from the Police Commissioners that it was likely that an attack upon the Fort would be made by the populace of Baltimore, and we went to the Fort to see that there was no difficulty of that kind.

Question. Do you know what were the orders and intentions of your superior officers?

Answer. So far as I learned them.

Question. From whom?

Answer. I am not prepared to name the parties who communicated the orders; it was not done in any regular style.

Question. Can you state any one from whom orders were received upon your arrival in town after you reported?

Answer. I learned on going to the city that they conferred with the Police Commissioners and Mayor,