

operating with the troops of the United States, or acting in opposition to them?

Answer. I do not think any one can doubt that they were opposed to the Government; I know when I consented to go out to the arsenal, it was with the distinct understanding that I was to admit no military forces of the State of Maryland; I had my reasons for making that request; General Steuart was the Major General of the Maryland militia, and the command necessarily fell into his hands, and had to report necessarily as a subordinate to him; I was relieved from the command, and compelled to give up the arsenal, I was obliged to obey orders.

*By the Committee.*

*Question by the Committee.* Was there any apprehension that Fort McHenry would be attacked by that mob on the 20th of April?

Answer. There were rumors to that effect, and if I mistake not, there were some parties who attempted to go part of the way down to the Fort.

*Question by the Committee.* Was that night or day?

Answer. The day time; if I mistake not, the Maryland Guard apprehended something of the kind, and they went down and encamped one night at Locust Point, between the city and the Fort, to prevent any attempt or attack; there was no attack upon the Fort or upon the arsenal, but it was apprehended; I know that the troops went down and the infantry stayed, and the acting officer of the Fort sent them word there was no necessity for them to remain.

*Question by the Committee.* Was it supposed that an attack upon the Fort would be one of the objects of this mob?

Answer. I doubt very much if there was a citizen who did not apprehend almost everything at that time.

*Direct examination resumed.*

Question. Was it not understood that the military were to prevent the United States troops from passing through?

Answer. I think it was.

*By the Committee.*

*Question by the Committee.* Was it understood that the minute men were to prevent the troops passing through?

Answer. My opinion was, that was an act simply and solely to prevent the passage of the troops.