

W. Gilmor and Thomas Taylor; Ensign, Henry Merryman; Surgeons, Doctors Tidings and Ridgely; Quartermaster, Thomas R. Crane; Buglers, R. Edwin Hook, William H. Ruby. As an evidence of the genuine character of this company it is only necessary to state that the entire number, rank and file of the company is fifty-three, and that they paraded here last evening forty-eight, while the remaining members are expected to join their comrades in arms before their services are called into requisition.

The counsel for the contestant then submitted an article from the same column of the Argus, in which was found the foregoing article entitled, "Patriotic Offer," for the purpose of rebutting the testimony given as to the general understanding of the purpose for which the troops were under arms. The article offered was in the following words:

FREEMEN, CONSTITUTIONAL MEN, SOUTHERN RIGHTS MEN,

*To Arms! To Arms!!*

*Organize at Once!!!*

"Lincoln has said if his minions of Northern and Western murderers, cannot pass through *Baltimore* without opposition, they *shall* pass over *Maryland* soil to reach Washington. We warn our country friends to keep a vigilant look out for these villains, and at the first sight of them at once send *express* to Baltimore and elsewhere. Arrangements should *at once* be made by the city and county to give the signal of their approach by firing of cannon and by rockets. There is nothing to prevent Lincoln from sending from Washington, in the space of a couple of hours to Baltimore, a large military force to escort through and protect these Northern hords. Organize at once and take every precaution to prevent the passage of these murderers over Maryland soil. Beat your "plow shares into swords, and your pruning hooks into spears," and leave the dead carcasses of your intended murderers as dung upon your soil, rather than permit them to pass over it."

But the same was not admitted by the committee, being objected to by the counsel for the Respondent.

The committee then adjourned until March 7th, at ten o'clock.

---

MARCH 7th, 1865.

10 o'clock A. M.

The committee met pursuant to adjournment. All the members present.