

United States Government, or its officers ; of the rebellion or its leaders, and if so, state what you have heard him say as fully as you remember it ?

By Dr. Maclin. This question excepted to.

Witness answers. About the time of the commencement of the rebellion, I incidentally met Dr. Maclin on Mr. Bond's porch, at Ellicott's Mills ; I had conversation with Dr. Maclin about the rebellion ; it was of considerable length, and several others took part in the conversation ; I don't know at this distant day that I can give the whole conversation or the exact language that was used by Dr. Maclin ; he was very abusive of the Government, which he termed no government, and said we had no government ; he was very loud of his praises of Southern chivalry ; he thought Maryland ought to have seceded, and the doctor and the others went to such length that I told them, the doctor particularly, that they had showed their hands, and if they were a little farther South they would show themselves to be as black-hearted secessionists as Rhett, Yancey or Jeff Davis himself.

On another occasion, I heard him say things to the same purport ; he was very abusive of the Administration, and quite the contrary towards the Southern leaders and the Southern army.

In March last I had a conversation with Dr. Maclin in the Court House at Ellicott's Mills, and in that conversation Dr. Maclin denounced Mr. Lincoln as a damned old thief, and the Union army as a damned set of thieves and robbers ; what led to these words was the following : I was passing up the steps going into the Court room ; I remarked to the doctor, half jokingly, half in earnest, you are a great set of people in the Clarksville district, that you are such violent secessionists, that a Union man could not express his sentiments if it was not for the glitter of the Union swords, and the bristling of the bayonets ; I remarked further, that a man might as well be in South Carolina as in the Clarksville district, if it was not for these things ; the doctor remarked, it was not so, they were all a peaceable and quiet set of people up there ; I passed then into the Court room, in a few minutes the doctor came in, and seeing me near one of the windows, he came over to where I was standing, and said to me, Mr. Hollifield, whatever gave you that impression of the people of the Clarksville district ; I told him nothing but common rumor ; that I had understood they would not permit the enrolling officer to enroll ; had thrashed him, &c. ; this the doctor denied, and went on to explain how the officer got into trouble with somebody, I do not remember who ; the doctor said he was no secessionist, and no one should call him a secessionist ; he grew very warm then in his abuse of the Government, and used the language I have already repeated.