

By Mr. Holton. Ques. State as fully as you remember, who were present at the first interview spoken of by you, and what has since become of those persons?

Witness answers. One of the persons who was present was James R. Herbert, and in a few days afterward I heard of him as in the Southern army, and is now said to be a Captain or a Major.

Another of the party was John Watkins, a Senator at that time of Howard county; he is in Howard county.

Another, Wm. H. G. Dorsey; he took very little part in the conversation.

CROSS-EXAMINED BY DR. MACLIN.

Question. Fix as near as you can the date of that first conversation of which you spoke?

Witness answers. Well, as I before said I don't know as I can fix the date or time of the year, but I think it was after April, 1861, and before the battle of Bull Run.

By Dr. Maclin. Ques. Were not a number present and joining in the conversation at that time?

Witness answers. There may have been others that put in a word, but I was mainly in conversation with those three, Herbert, Watkins and Maclin.

By Dr. Maclin. Ques. Are you not of a very impulsive, excitable temperament and were you not very excited on that occasion.

Witness answers. Well I am impulsive, sometimes excitable and on that occasion I was not so much so as not to recollect what was said to me at that time by those who were contending for the rights of the Southern Confederacy. At that time I had three champions to contend with, and was not so much excited as not to be upon my guard to meet them.

By Dr. Maclin. Ques. What do you mean by the word champion?

Witness answers. I do not mean anything disrespectful to the gentlemen named.

By Dr. Maclin. Ques. At this distance of time can you swear positively as to what expressions were used by Herbert, what by Watkins and what by Dr. Maclin, respectively on that occasion.

Witness answers. I have already said that at this distant time I cannot give the precise language used by either of them. They all used such language as I have mentioned,