

Ans. I have always had the opinion that it was the purpose of secession party to carry Maryland out of the Union and attach it to the Southern Confederacy.

Ques. Has not Dr. Maclin been one of the leading and most influential members of that party?

Ans. He has.

Ques. Upon the supposition that you had heard a man in his sober senses denounce the President of the United States as a damned old thief, and the whole Union army as a damned set of thieves and robbers, would you pronounce him a loyal man?

By Dr. Maclin. This question excepted to.

Ans. Not to the government he was denouncing in that way.

By Dr. Maclin. Did the party which organized as the Democratic party in the fall of 1861, in Howard county, declare itself as in favor of secession?

This question excepted to by Mr. Holton.

Ans. I have no recollection of it doing so in any convention or organized body; they would not do that; it would have made the thing too bare.

By Dr. Maclin. Do you mean to say that all persons belonging to the Democratic party in Maryland, in the fall of 1861 and subsequently, desired to take the State out of the Union?

This question excepted to by Mr. Holton.

Ans. No; I think there are exceptions to it.

Ques. Do you believe the leaders of the Democratic party intended to take the State out of the Union?

Ans. I believe the leaders of the party desired to take the State out of the Union.

WM. WELLING.

DEPOSITION NO. 2.

Mr. Bernard McCrossen being duly sworn, deposed and said as follows:

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Answer. I have known him intimately from 15 to 20 years.