

I have not had frequent interviews with him, but on two occasions I have heard him deny positively that he had ever been a secessionist. The first time was here at Ellicotts Mills on Grove's porch, about two years ago. He was explaining his position to some men on the porch. There were three or four men, one of whom who was asking him questions was a Union man. He said that they never could conquer the South. That is the most I recollect of his argument.

Ques. At that very time did he or not deny being a secessionist?

Ans. He did deny it.

The other interview was on my place last Spring. He mentioned that he had discouraged a number of young men from going to the South. I have a number of times heard him deny being a secessionist, but don't remember the occasions.

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Ans. I never heard Dr. Maclin advocate secession or utter a disloyal sentiment.

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Excepted to by Mr. Holton.

Ans. I have never heard him use any profane language.

CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR. HOLTON.

Were you or not a candidate at the last election on the ticket in opposition to that on which was the name of Dr. Maclin, as candidate for State Senator of Howard county, and did you not in public and in private oppose that ticket on the ground that the party that it represented was hostile the Government of the United States and in sympathy with the so-called Confederate States.

Ans. I believe the party was mixed, part of actually disloyal and part peace Democrats, and all tended to weaken the hands of the Government and encourage the South by discouraging language. A few war Democrats voted that ticket, the McClellan ticket.

Question marked thus X.

Ans. If he was in his sober senses I should say he was disloyal.

Ques. State whether you have ever heard Dr. Maclin say that the United States ought to acknowledge the independence of the Confederate States, or that they had a right to secede or were justifiable in seceding, or use language of like import or meaning?