

at the window; the moment the windows were opened I went over and after a great deal of difficulty got in my vote; I had to push and crowd a good deal, and finally had to throw my vote to the judge rather than hand it in; in the meantime a large crowd of the "Blood Tubs" and "White Oaks," "Black Oaks," or some such club, had got together and had complete possession of the window; parties were afraid to go up to vote; now and then one would try to get up and be crowded out; a few got in their votes by creeping up along the side of the house when there was a little rush made from round the window.

Question. Did the police attempt to interfere?

Answer. They made no attempt to do anything of the kind; on the contrary, they were rather amalgamated up with the party.

Question. Did you see any blows struck?

Answer. Yes, I saw several; a man named Smith, a rather powerful man, tried to push up through the crowd and was struck a very severe blow by some man who witness thinks don't belong to Baltimore at all; the man who struck Smith went off and came back after awhile with another coat on, a light one; before he had on a dark coat, when he struck Smith; the most brutal treatment witness ever saw in his life was inflicted on a man who was sitting on a bench on the opposite side of the street, facing the polls; a party came across from the polls and presented a Know-Nothing ticket to him and demanded of him to go and vote it; he said he wouldn't vote it, that he had already voted in the third ward; they repeated several times, that he had better go and vote it; he refused, and in the meantime one of the party had set down alongside of the man, and said to him that he had *blowed*, he said he had'nt, and with that the fellow alongside of him struck him with something (it could not have been his fist, it sounded too hard,) right in the face; as he fell over, the fellow holding the ticket kicked him in the face, and from the sound witness thought it wasn't a fair boot, there must have been something on the end of it, and they continued kicking him in the side, and the others beating him over the face; the one who held the ticket pulled out from under his own coat a horse-pistol, or blunderbuss, put it to the man's back and used the observation, "I'll put him through;" with that a police officer rushed up and said, "I'll be God damned if I can stand that," and grabbed the man with the pistol, and the police officer struggled together; finally the officer got it and fired it in the air; the officer made no effort to arrest him, and the fellow followed him about asking for his pistol; no other police officer interfered to protect the man who was getting beaten; there was an old gentleman rushed up and seized a young man, and the police officers called to him to let him go, but the old man wouldn't, unless the police officers would take him to the station-house, which witness believes the officers refused to do; witness understood that the young man was the old one's son.