

handed me an open American ticket, and said that if I did not vote that I could not vote at all; I tried to make my way through them and was shoved back, and went to the police officers on the other side of the street, officer Eaton and a red-nose policeman, whose name I don't know; knowing officer Eaton, I called on him to protect me, to see that I voted; his reply was, he had nothing at all to do with it; I called on the red-nose officer, and he said, "if I would get a warrant he would arrest the party;" I went back to the polls with the intention of voting, and the parties at the polls offered me an American ticket to vote and said, "Why don't you vote a white man's ticket?" and one of the party above me, on the platform at the polls, some four or five feet from the window, butted me in the face with his head, knocking me from the polls to the other side of Dallas Street, knocking one of my front teeth out, or so that it hung down loose and it had to be taken out afterwards, making the blood fly from my mouth; and I found it was no use to attempt to vote, if I did I would probably lose my life; and I left the polls and returned there no more.

Question. Did you see any persons taken to the polls by violence that day?

Answer. Yes, sir, I did; I saw some two or three of those Rough Skins come down Caroline Street and went to Chapman's glass-house, two or three squares from the polls; some two or three stood in front of the glass-house, some six or seven came down Eden Street and joined the party in front of the glass-house, and then all rushed in the glass-house; a short time after they went in I heard the report of a pistol, then I saw them come out, four of them each, two of the Rough Skins having one of the workmen by the collar, brought them up Lancaster Street to Caroline, then up towards the polls.

Question. Was it possible under the existing circumstances, as you saw them, to have a fair and honest election at that ward on the 2d day of November, 1859?

Answer. No, sir, it was not possible to have a fair election.

Question. What have been your politics heretofore?

Answer. I was an American formerly, always voted that ticket until the two last elections; I never was a Democrat; sometimes have voted for a candidate of the Democratic party when he was a particular friend of mine.

Question. Have you known on any previous election, as much violence and disorder as existed at this election?

Answer. At the polls I saw no disorder; but away from the polls, gangs of ruffians, or "Rough Skins," prowled about, three or four together, with clubs in their hands, hunting up voters and taking them up to the polls; the Rough Skins had complete possession of the polls, and there was no disorder there, I mean, because there was no opposition made to them, nor possible, under the circumstances, by the opposite party.