

to vote, and so I backed out of the crowd; as the fellow was tripping me, he said to me, "damn it, don't tread on my toes;" and then the one in front of me slammed me aside of the head.

Question. Was there any thing else?

Answer. I backed out of the crowd and went across the street, and stood there some few minutes, and this man that struck me came deliberately from the polls, and came up to me, says he, "what are you going to do about it?" says I, I am going to do nothing about it, but I should like to get my vote; I have always voted; he allowed, says he, "you go away from the polls, if you intermeddle or interfere in any way about the polls," says he, "I'll put a ball through you." Well, I thought, I seen several gentlemen standing at the corner, who all seemed afraid to open their mouths, and thinking that I should probably be killed instantly or get crippled for life, I seeing that I had no chance to get my vote in, I thought it best to go away, and I did go; the fellow said to me too, when he came over to me, as I have stated, says he, "you never voted anything but a black man's ticket anyhow;" says I, "well, I always endeavor to vote a *freeman's* ticket."

*Cross-examination by Mr. Ing.*

Question. What time were you at the polls?

Answer. I should say, between nine and ten.

Question. How long did you remain?

Answer. About twenty minutes, can't be positive, but it was a short time.

Question. That was the whole time?

Answer. Yes, sir, that was all.

Question. Did you in any manner, appeal to the judges to receive your vote, or to assist you in getting in your ballot?

Answer. I couldn't get up to the judges; they wouldn't let me get near to the window.

Question. How close were you at any one time, to the judges?

Answer. I should judge within two paces of the window; I was inside the boarding; they wouldn't let me get any closer.

Question. Did you invoke the assistance of your neighbors and friends?

Answer. No. I didn't think it worth while; I didn't see that I had any neighbors round there in particular, or friends.

Question. You made but one effort to deposit your ballot?

Answer. That was all; I made effort enough to get slammed beside the face; that was enough; I didn't want more effort than that, I suppose.

Question. At the time you were there, how many men were around the polls?

Answer. I didn't take particular notice; I suppose some thirty or forty at the windows and about there near the polls.