

Answer. Yes, sir.

Question. State whether you saw any interference with voters at the polls of the fourth ward on the 2d day of November, 1859.

Answer. I did.

Question. State what you saw.

Answer. A man named James McMahan, a neighbor of mine, went with me to vote, I told him to go right before me to the window; when within about three yards of the window, a young man about twenty-two years of age, came up to him, and made use of the expression, "You shall not vote here," and the words were scarcely spoken, when he struck him a severe blow, under the right eye, thereby forcing him into the street; his hat fell off, and in picking it up, he was kicked in the side by another of the same party; he went home, and did not attempt to vote afterwards.

Question. Did you remain there any length of time?

Answer. From half an hour to three-quarters of an hour. I remained there for the express purpose of ascertaining the name of the young man who struck McMahan; my intention being to go before the Grand Jury and have him indicted.

Question. Was there any interference on the part of any police officer to protect the man when he was knocked down?

Answer. No, sir; I did not see a police officer there then.

Question. Did you see any other persons prevented from voting, while you were there?

Answer. No, sir; yes, I did; I saw one man both struck and turned away by the same party that beat McMahan. After I voted, I did not remain near the window, but stood on the opposite side of the street.

Question. Did this party seem to have undisputed possession of the entrance to the barricade, so that they could admit or exclude whom they pleased?

Answer. They had exclusive possession, and one of them said very politely to me, "Come up squire, you can vote."

*Cross-examination by Mr. Ing.*—Question. Had this party, McMahan, voted previously at the fourth ward?

Answer. He has never voted, in consequence of his not having been naturalized, not being entitled to vote.

Question. How many years have you been voting in the fourth ward?

Answer. Eleven or twelve, to the best of my recollection.

Question. Are you not well known to be a legal voter of the fourth ward, and have you not held office as justice of the peace in the city of Baltimore?

Answer. I am well known, and have held such office.

Question. Did you experience the slightest difficulty in voting, and in voting your sentiments?

Answer. I did not.