

GEORGE W. MOWBRAY, a witness of lawful age, produced on the part of the contestants, being duly sworn, deposes and says :

*Examination in chief.*

Question. Were you a resident and legal voter of the fifth ward of the city of Baltimore, on November 2d, 1859 ?

Answer. I was, sir.

Question. Were you at the polls of that ward on that day, and if so, how long and for what purpose ?

Answer. I was at the polls from nine o'clock until twenty-five minutes past four ; I was as a judge of election for that ward.

Question. State fully what was the character of the proceedings at and about the polls while you were there.

Answer. On the opening of the polls I saw the complexion or character of the persons there, who crowded in and around the polls on both sides ; they were mostly of rowdy elements ; and there was one person planted himself immediately in front of the window, I expostulated with them, and they at the time had possession of the polls on both sides and in front of the window ; I made an address to them as gentlemen, and requested that each party should have an avenue by forming on each side, so that the honest voters could get up and deposit their ballots, to which they did not seem to pay any attention ; I saw police officer No. 98 there with other police officers ; he being the nearest to me I called upon him, and I called upon the police several times to open the avenue ; he mingled in the crowd and appeared to make some effort, but very little ; as the parties approached the polls who I was satisfied were legal voters, particularly those who appeared to be of foreign birth, they were hustled out ; throughout the morning, or a considerable portion of it, there was considerable disturbance about the polls ; there was a small man there whom I saw striking and beating persons at different times, he was in the melee in which Mr. Joseph Vansant was beaten, after that he changed his hat and returned, he then would occasionally fire a pistol ; I saw him on one or two occasions loading the pistol, which appeared to be a horse pistol with a bright barrel, he was in Temple Street and also at times in Fayette Street ; I saw several melees there, I saw persons when they got up to the window with tickets in their hands to vote, and their hands would be knocked up to keep the judges from receiving them ; some were driven away entirely, some after awhile would get their votes in, some few of them ; several times I called upon the police, and these parties would chuckle and laugh, and the police did not attempt after the first or second time to make any effort at all to open the polls, they got away from there, and tried to get out of hearing ; occasionally there would come large crowds of persons to vote, many of whose faces I had never seen before, two of the judges being of the opposite side received their tickets and placed