

BALTIMORE, December 12, 1859.

JOSHUA VANSANT, 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 city of Baltimore, on November 2d, 1859, in the fifth ward ?

Answer. I was.

Question. Were you at the polls of that ward, on that day, and if so at what hour did you go, and how long did you remain ?

Answer. I was at the polls on that day ; reached there about nine and a half o'clock, A.M. ; remained until after eleven o'clock A.M.

Question. While you were there, was there any obstacle to a fair, free, and honest ballot by the voters, and if so, what was it.

Answer. There was, when I reached the polls ; I found it blocked up in front and at the side by a gang of rough looking men, several of whom I recognized as ruffians, having witnessed their acts of lawlessness on former similar occasions, some of whose characters are notorious because of their acts of lawlessness ; there appeared to be a preconcerted and systematic effort to exclude such votes as were not agreeable to them, whilst men who were brought up by their own party, found ready access to the polls ; several whom I recognized as Democrats, attempted to find access to the polls ; I saw them forced out violently without having been able to deposit their ballot ; among the gang was a man they called "*Graham*" (they told me that was his name), whose position was on the skirt of the gang which had blocked up the polls ; his office seemed to be, to watch the approach of parties towards the polls ; in very many instances I saw him stand, place himself in front of the party approaching, as the party reached the margin of the crowd, pushing his back in contact with the voter, who was attempting to reach the polls, and shifting his position from the right to the left, as the party desiring to vote would move for the purpose of passing around him in order to get up to the polls ; in several cases, when the party made a quick movement to one side or the other, and succeeded in forcing himself in advance of *Graham*, the latter would force himself into the crowd, seize hold of one of his own party, and dash him against the voter, which seemed to be the signal for a general rush, in consequence of which the voter was forced into the street, and excluded from voting ; there seemed to be another party, whom they called "*Jack Wallis*," whose special business it seemed to be, to follow up the persons thus excluded, and assault them with blows ; I saw *Wallis* pursue several as far