

Question. What was the number of persons whom you saw at the polls, whom you have designated as being lawless characters?

Answer. There were not less than twenty or thirty.

*Examination on both sides closed.*

BALTIMORE, December 12th, 1859.

Correct.

JOSHUA VANSANT.

Test—DANIEL E. MYERS, J. P.

DR. CHARLES H. BRADFORD, a witness of lawful age, produced on the part of the contestants, having been duly sworn, deposes and says :

*Examination in chief.*

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

Answer. I was.

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

Answer. I went to the polls at a quarter before nine o'clock, A. M., and remained there until half-past eleven o'clock, A. M.

Question. Was there any obstacle to a fair and honest ballot by the voters of that ward on that day, and if so, what was it?

Answer. I consider that there were many obstacles to a fair and honest expression of the voters' wills; in the first place, the place of holding the polls was an inappropriate one, being in the immediate vicinity of the house kept by Richard Pryor, the head-quarters of the "Ashland Club" (which was currently reported and generally believed to be filled or well supplied with arms); in the second place, acts of violence and intimidation practised at the polls, persons having been repeatedly stricken and knocked down in their efforts to reach the window without provocation.

Question. Was the access to the polls free and open, or otherwise?

Answer. The access to the polls was open for the space perhaps of half an hour, the first half hour after opening the polls; after that time, the space which had been kept open for access by the voters, was effectually taken possession of by some half dozen men, members of the clubs of the ward, who permitted no one to vote, except such as they thought proper; remonstrance was made to this by members of the Reform party, and we were told to "hold our damned mouths, or none of us should vote."

Question. Who were the parties who took possession of the polls as you have stated?