

within sight of the Mayor's Office, and in the same street, viz. : Holliday Street.

Question. Did you go, a day or two before the 2d of November, 1859, to see the then acting Mayor, and for what purpose ?

Answer. I did ; I had been placed, as I said, in chief charge of the Reformers at the polls of that ward, and I feared there might be violence and bloodshed ; this apprehension was founded on what I had seen at the municipal election, on the threats which were openly emblazoned on the transparencies of the American party at their mass meeting in the square a short time before, upon the tone of the speeches of leaders of the American party, as reported in the newspapers, and also upon the various warnings, which I received from friends, of threats which had been made against me, personally ; Mr. Wallis and myself went to the Mayor's Office, about noon of November 1st, 1859 ; the streets in the neighborhood looked like a city on the eve of a revolution.

As we walked up to the steps to the Mayor's Office, a gang of men were standing on the opposite side of the street, in front of the drinking house there, and called to us, " You God damned Reformers, what business have you to go in there ? " or words to that effect ; we found Mr. Spicer, the then acting Mayor, in his office, with a number of persons in the room ; we first asked him who were to be judges of election in the tenth ward ; he informed us that Mr. Hinesly was one, that Mr. Houston was another, and Mr. Dukehart, the third ; but Mr. Dukehart had in fact joined us and gone with us to the Mayor's Office, and he informed the Mayor he could not act ; the Mayor was very reluctant to discharge him, and declined to do so unless Mr. Dukehart would name some suitable person in his place ; I think he named Mr. Martin, who was subsequently appointed ; I told the Mayor that we were anxious to know what arrangements were made to preserve order, as we were afraid there would be difficulty at the polls ; the Mayor said in substance that his situation was embarrassing, that he had not had an opportunity of conferring with either of his predecessors, who were both disqualified by illness, and that he could only carry out the arrangements which had been made by his predecessor ; I asked him which predecessor, and I understood him to say, Mr. Swann ; whereupon, I remarked that those arrangements had not been very effective ; I then said to him, that we desired to know what officer would have charge of the police at the tenth ward polls ; that Sergeant McComas had had charge at the municipal election, and had endeavored to do his duty ; Mr. Wallis remarked, Sergeant McComas had certainly exerted himself on that occasion to do his duty, as much as a man could do, or words to that effect ; Mr. Spicer replied that he could not answer that question, that all the police arrangements would be left to Marshal Herring, and that the Marshal would make his arrangements on the evening