

of that day; the object of Mr. Wallis and myself was to see the officer who might be put in charge, and to ascertain what arrangements would be made for the purpose of securing a fair and peaceable election; finding that we could obtain no satisfactory information, Mr. Wallis and myself left the office, and walked up Fayette Street, towards our own offices; before we reached North Street we were stopped by a party of men, among whom were Erasmus Levy and John English; Levy inquired of Mr. Wallis, whether or not Mr. Wallis, in some recent speech of his in the tenth ward, had not called him, Levy, a thief and a murderer; Mr. Wallis informed him that he had said nothing of the kind, and referred him to me; I had heard Mr. Wallis's speech, and told Levy it was an entire mistake; I appealed to Levy, and asked him to exert himself to maintain quiet at the election next day; he told me that he was not going to be at the head of the proceedings next day, and I told him he ought not to be at the tail of it either; English came up to me and inquired, in rather a threatening manner, why I had abused him; he referred to a card which I had published in the papers; I told him that I had not abused him, but that in the card I had said he was very disorderly, which he certainly had been; while English was talking to me, Levy came up and caught him by the collar, and jerked him about three feet away from me; we then walked away.

Question. What was the relative position of the place of holding the polls, and the public house kept by the Erasmus Levy to whom you have referred?

Answer. In the immediate vicinity of each other; Levy's house is on the same side of the street, south of the polls, less than thirty feet, I think, distant.

Question. What was the greatest number of police officers that you saw at the tenth ward polls at any one time on that day?

Answer. I did not see any there when the polls opened, although there may have been some in the crowd; and I do not think that at any time I saw more than two or three at the polls or in the neighborhood of them; I was, however, but a short time at the polls, for the delays at the station house kept me there during the greater part of the time which elapsed from the opening of the polls to the time when we retired as I have stated.

Cross-examination.

Question. What obstacles, if any, did you encounter on November 2d, 1859, and how long were you in getting in your vote?

Answer. I encountered no serious obstacle; there was a crowd in the gangway, but I without difficulty got my vote in;