

there, free access to the window for all voters; for the first quarter or half an hour the obstruction principally took the shape of rudeness, jostling and crowding in, so as to impede access to the window; this obstruction was not the result of the crowding of voters seeking access to the polls, but a wilful obstruction by a party of men not engaged in voting, who rallied under the cry of "Regulators," and came in a body from the house of Erasmus Levy, two doors south of the polls; about twenty minutes or a half an hour after the polls were opened, they were taken forcible possession of by the same party of rioters, with a volley of bricks and a discharge of firearms; from that time until I left, no man was permitted access to the polls, except at the pleasure of the parties who had so taken possession of them.

Question. Up to the time that this discharge of firearms took place, can you form any judgment of the political character of the vote?

Answer. I cannot form an accurate one, but I should suppose that probably seven-eighths of the votes deposited were those of persons voting the Reform ticket; I judge so, because I was myself engaged in distributing Reform tickets, and gave a large number of them to persons whom I saw go up and vote with those tickets in their hands; I saw other gentlemen, who likewise held Reform tickets, distributing them at that time pretty freely, and, although I observed several of the persons to whom those tickets were distributed, retiring from the pavement, after ineffectual efforts to get to the window, I think the large majority of them succeeded, by dint of struggle and perseverance, in getting up to the judges; my opinion is further founded upon my knowledge of the Reform voters of the ward, a very considerable number of whom I saw, during the period to which I have referred, directing their course towards the window, with tickets.

Question. During the period to which you have referred in your last answer, was there a considerable number of the Reform party in the vicinity of the judges' window?

Answer. Before the firing took place, of which I have spoken, the challenging committee of the Reform Association occupied a considerable portion of the sidewalk on the northern side of the window; around and about them, and also in the street in front of the window, and between the polls and Fayette Street, there was a considerable number of persons standing favorable to the Reform cause; some, like myself, engaged in distributing tickets, others with tickets in their hands, apparently waiting to vote, and others, farthest off, seeming to be merely spectators.

Question. By whom, and at whom were the bricks thrown and the firearms discharged, and please describe the weapons that you saw used?

Answer. The bricks were thrown and the firearms were dis-