

stated; I was absent from the polls about noon, for a short while, and when I returned, I found that the committee of Reformers had deemed their presence idle, and had left; I therefore, did the same thing.

Question. Did you, prior to 2d November, 1859, have any, and what conversation with Erasmus Levy, of whom you have spoken, in the Court-house of Baltimore city?

Answer. Shortly after the municipal election, I had been before the Grand Jury, to testify in regard to what had taken place at the tenth ward polls, and had testified against Levy, as well as others; a few days afterwards, I was coming out of court and passed Levy, who was standing at the court-house door in the lane; he called me, and as I stopped in the yard at his call, he came up to me and asked me why I had been down on him so hard, going before the Grand Jury about him; I told him I had done so, because I regarded him as one of the ringleaders, but for whom the voting would not have been interfered with at the council election, and I thought he ought to be punished for it; he remonstrated, said he had not done anything; that the boys could have whipped Mr. Brown and myself, if they had pleased, but they didn't; they had let us vote, and they had no objection to any gentleman's voting; "It was only them damned Irish and Dutch they were down on, and by God, they should not vote;" I expressed my sentiments to him pretty freely on the subject, the more so, because he was perfectly respectful to me, and expressed great personal consideration and an unwillingness to see me personally injured; he said, however, at the next election, they meant to roll up the biggest majority that had ever been heard of there; I told him, very well, if they had it fairly, let them roll it up, but not by violence or riot; he replied, we are bound to do it anyhow; it is a matter of life and death with us; "why," said he, "Mr. Wallis, suppose you Reformers get this damned place (pointing over his left shoulder to the Criminal Court), don't I know I am a goner, don't we all know we are goners?" said he, "don't I know, if you elect your prosecuting attorney and sheriff, that I can't stay in this town for a week, that none of us can? We are bound to beat you and we are going to do it." I replied, "if you attempt to do it by force, you must expect to be resisted in it;" he answered, "O, I know gentlemen will fight, but if it comes to that, we will do it with pistols or muskets either, if necessary;" he repeated, "they couldn't do anything else, it was life or death with them;" it is proper to add that, as soon as he commenced talking to me about what they intended to do at the November election, I told him he had better not talk about such things to me; for, if anything should happen, I should not hesitate to state the threats he was making; he replied to the effect that he did not care for that; he was going to California, in March, anyhow; I put an end to the conversation myself, having to go back to court.