

*Cross-examination.*

Question. How were Messrs. Fisher and Stokes defending themselves,—was it with revolvers, or other firearms in their hands ?

Answer. Mr. Fisher was defending himself with a revolver, which he drew while he and the rest of the Reformers were being fired on or driven away ; Mr. Stokes had no pistol, but was using a stick, or something of the sort.

Question. Were you present on Saturday night previous to the election of November 2d, 1859, at a meeting of the Reformers at Metropolitan Hall ?

Answer. I was ; I addressed the meeting there.

Question. Have you a knowledge that a paper was then and there circulated for the signatures of Reformers, who, by such paper, mutually bound and pledged themselves to each other to go armed to the tenth ward polls with a view to aid and advance the cause of Reform ; if so, please state whether such paper received the signatures or had to it the signatures of 179 gentlemen ?

Answer. No ; there was a paper which had been previously signed by members of the association, pledging themselves to go to the polls and remain there on the day of election to aid the cause of Reform by all lawful means ; this is the paper of which I have already spoken, and which I have said was signed by some sixty or eighty persons, and no more, to the best of my recollection ; it was not therefore signed by 179 persons as the question indicates, and there was not any engagement or pledge whatever to go armed to the polls or to use arms for the advancement of the Reform cause ; no proposition or suggestion to any such effect was at any time made at the meetings or in committee, to my knowledge, and I am sure I should have known it if it had been ; every man was left to determine for himself to what extent he should provide for his personal defence, and whatever was done in that respect by individuals was done of their own motion and without concert or understanding of any sort, so far as I know or have ever heard.

Question. Have you knowledge that the Reformers or any of them distributed among their adherents, pistols or other firearms to those unable to purchase them for use at the election on November 2, 1859.

Answer. No, I have no such knowledge ; so far as the tenth ward is concerned, I know positively that such was not the fact ; the whole funds collected in that ward, to the best of my belief, would not have purchased four good revolvers ; and after paying the expenses of printing and room hire, would not have purchased a single pistol of any sort.