

in getting to the window ; I myself made three efforts, getting near the window the third time, whilst a fight was going on ; I offered my ticket three times, calling out my name, and no notice was taken of me by the judges, I then stepped out into the middle of the street ; while trying to get up to the window during these efforts, the fists of at least a dozen men were brandished about my head and in front of my face, accompanied with cries of " Oh ! you Natives, and oh ! you Plugs ;" and everything was done, as it were, to provoke me to some resistance, except actual striking of me. In a few moments I observed Mr. Philip A. Ball, a tobacco commission merchant, coming out from the crowd at the window, with several in pursuit of him, among the number Alick Levy. Mr. William Mann, I observed at the same time in the crowd with his nose bleeding ; a police officer at this moment took hold of Levy, when Levy swore that he would not be arrested ; the police officer replied, " I don't intend to arrest you, Alick, I only want to talk to you a little ;" Levy then released himself from the officer's hold, and again attacked Mr. Ball, together with three or four others, in the presence of this officer. Two or three officers then took hold of Mr. Ball, with a view, I presume, of taking him off ; whilst they were holding him, he was several times struck by the parties attacking him, and I finally succeeded in getting him off in custody of an officer ; Mr. Ball was one of the Reformers. The officer seemed determined to take Mr. Ball to the station-house, when Mr. Levy, the father of Alick Levy, said he would testify to his son's having struck Mr. Ball first ; when the officer was induced to let Mr. Ball go ; during the time that I was there, I saw at least a half a dozen gentlemen of the Reform party with bloody noses and mouths ; on my return to the polls, I found that the Know-Nothing party had a private side gangway, through which they carried their own men up to the window to vote ; the main gangway, by which I mean the straight one up to the window, being kept block up, and by which, I found, access to the window was impossible ; I then proceeded up through their private gangway, at great risk as I considered, and deposited my ballot ; before leaving the polls, I told a number of the Reformers, that it would be useless to make any effort, there being so decided a manifestation on the part of the Know-Nothings not to let the Reformers vote.

Question. Was this obstruction of the approach to the polls, the evident result of concerted action on the part of rowdies connected with the Know-Nothing or American party, who were not themselves at the time attempting to vote ?

Answer. It was.

Question. Were the assaults made upon Reformers which you have described, in every instance made without provocation ?

Answer. I cannot say.