

Question. Did you start from your place of business with the intention to vote, and was it through the persuasion and solicitation of Reformers that you abstained from voting on November 2d, 1859?

Answer. In the morning between nine and ten o'clock, and then again at two o'clock, I left my store with the intention of voting; the first time there were so many at the polls that I had not the time to wait, and I determined to go away and return on my way home to dinner; the second time the reason I did not vote, I was first advised not to make the attempt, as I have stated, and then after I got opposite the polls and saw what was going on, I was not disposed to take the risk; the Reformers had left the polls, and they were then in possession of disorderly men, and I did not consider it safe to make the attempt.

Question. Please state whether you saw any acts of violence at the poll whilst you stood opposite and saw the two men vote, as you have described, and during the five minutes that you remained there and saw one of these men repeat his vote?

Answer. The third time I went up to the poll there was fighting near the window, and two of the parties that were led out of the crowd that seemed disposed to fight, when brought out were not so much disposed to do so.

Question. Did you see any blows struck while this fighting was going on; if so, how many blows did you see struck, how long did the fight last, and between how many persons was it?

Answer. I cannot say positively how many blows were struck; these two men, who were drunk were fighting near the window, were led out of the crowd, and after awhile one of them was led away by the police, who did not interfere while the fight was going on; the fight did not actually last a minute.

Question. After the tussel between these two drunken men had been quieted, was there violence; if so, of what kind?

Answer. No, sir; nothing more than a good deal of noise, cries of "Oh you Black Snakes," &c.; there was no actual fighting.

Question. How long did you remain after one of these men was led off by the police?

Answer. I do not think that I remained there more than five to ten minutes; I was there altogether about half an hour.

Question. During that half hour how many voters deposited their ballots, and state whether any of them were interrupted or molested, whether the poll was not free and open?

Answer. I could not say how many ballots were deposited, my attention was not immediately directed to the window the whole time; the voting was not very brisk; the polls did not appear to be blocked at any time while I was there, except during the fight, then there were a great many persons around the window; I saw no one interrupted or molested at that time.

Question. Can you state of your own knowledge what ballot