

draw their weapons, and by pushing against them and saying irritating things to provoke to violence; if at any time a naturalized citizen attempted to vote or got to the window, his right was immediately questioned by those outside, his papers demanded loudly, until on one occasion, I remember, the judges interfered and said they were the persons to be satisfied of the question, when one of the party said he was sent there as challenger, and he would ask the questions he pleased; the judge then told him he would have him arrested, when he defied the judge and said aloud that if they removed him they would have to remove his dead body; one fact that I noticed while at the polls, that even when there was no outbreak of violence, yet such was the intimidation that when naturalized citizens were sworn by the judges as to their residence, they manifested a degree of fear, tremulousness and pallor, which excited my sympathy; between one and two o'clock, finding the entire absence of the police from the polls, and this constant scene of intimidation and violence towards the gentlemen standing around, and hearing that many of the polls in different parts of the city had been for hours taken possession of by the American party, and satisfied that a continuance of the efforts to challenge votes at the polls and to keep an access open for voters would result in additional violence and perhaps bloodshed, while I admired the cool determination of several of the gentlemen, especially Dr. Merryman and Dr. Loughery, who were particularly marked objects of vituperation, I advised our friends to retire from the polls and cease their efforts, which we did, and I did not return there during the day.

Question. Did you advise the friends of the Reform movement at other polls during the day to withdraw from the polls?

Answer. I did, at the eleventh ward.

Question. Why did you so advise them?

Answer. On my way from the thirteenth ward polls (after policeman Robinson had authorized me to say to the Mayor, that he could not keep the polls there open), to report to the Mayor accordingly, I met Mr. Wallis and gentlemen of the tenth ward at the corner of Lexington and St. Paul Streets, slowly retiring to their homes, stating that they had been driven from the tenth ward polls by violence, which they described to me, and that the Mayor had been appealed to, to have order preserved, but ineffectually; this induced me to consult Mr. Woodward, which resulted in our sending Mr. Eaton, as I have stated; and subsequently, while at the thirteenth ward polls, I learned that they were organizing an attack upon the eleventh ward, from the western part of the city, which induced me to visit the eleventh ward, after my friends and myself had retired from the thirteenth ward; when I reached the eleventh ward polls, I found them in the midst of great excitement, and was informed that they had just had a fight, in their efforts to keep the polls clear,