

Question. Had the parties who assaulted you, and the two others whom you have mentioned, complete possession of the polls?

Answer. They had.

Question. Did the police make any attempt to protect you?

Answer. None at all.

Question. Did you or these others give any provocation for the assault?

Answer. None whatever.

BALTIMORE, December 26th, 1859.

Correct.

C. EDWARD SWINDELL.

Test—DANIEL E. MYERS, J. P.

WILLIAM SWINDELL, a witness of lawful age, produced on the part of the contestants, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

*Examination in chief.*

Question. Were you, on November 2d, 1859, a judge of election at the seventeenth ward polls?

Answer. I was.

Question. Was the access to the judges' window taken possession of by one party; if so, by what party, and at what hour?

Answer. It was taken possession of immediately on the opening of the polls, by the American clubs, viz.: the "Tigers" and "Eubolts," and the "Decatur Club."

Question. Did they permit the Reform voters to approach the polls freely and without obstruction?

Answer. They did not; I could not see very well out of the window, which was very narrow, and I did not like to risk putting my head outside, but I could see that the access was obstructed by a crowd that allowed access only to such persons as they pleased, to get to the window.

Question. Were you judge of election, in the same ward, at the municipal election in October, 1859?

Answer. I was.

Question. Were you threatened by a similar crowd, while engaged in your duties as judge, on that occasion?

Answer. I was, and it was necessary for a squad of police to escort me home after the close of the polls; through the day of the municipal election there was the utmost violence; I was cursed, abused, and threatened to be dragged out of the window; told to shut my mouth, &c.

Question. Did you attend a meeting of Reformers held in that ward, on or about October 24th, 1859?

Answer. I did.