

BALTIMORE, December 27th, 1859.

THEODORE WOODALL, 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 resident and legal voter of the sixteenth ward of the city of Baltimore?

Answer. I was.

Question. Were you at the polls of that ward on that day; if so, at what hour and how long did you remain there?

Answer. I went there at about half-past eight o'clock and remained there until a little after the window was opened.

Question. Was there any obstacle to a full, free and fair ballot by the voters?

Answer. Just before the window was opened there were gangs of wretched looking men who came up, I should suppose nearly two hundred; Richard Watts, one of them, took his stand at the window with a drawn sword in his hand, and he slashed and cut the window shutter to make the judges open it, and said if anybody voted the Reform ticket he would have to do it through the point of that sword; the crowd seemed to indorse him; when the window opened there was a crowd of about a hundred rushed around it, and I took my ticket in my hand and went to the edge of the crowd and waited for a while to get a chance to go up through the crowd; I took my stand in the back part of the crowd, awaiting my turn, when I was struck in the face and about the head, and attacked by about a dozen men; after being struck several times, I noticed one man right in front of me who struck me in the face, while at the same time I was being struck from behind; I drew a pistol and snapped it at the man in front who had struck me; I put my pistol back in my pocket, and then the whole crowd made a rush at me, and an officer in citizen's dress, without any badge, came up to arrest me; this same officer a few moments before had threatened to knock me down because I had accidentally trodden upon his foot in the crowd; the officer arrested me, holding me by the lappel of the coat, and while so held I was struck on the head with a billy, and I fell; I then recovered, and raised myself to a sitting position, and saw a crowd rushing at me, some with drawn pistols; I noticed particularly William Dix; I then drew my pistol and snapped it again; I was then taken to the station-house and kept there for two hours before the magistrate came; after having my head dressed I went again to the polls; I found only some two or three at the window, but a large crowd of nearly two hundred in the neighborhood; no Reformers or Reform tickets were visible; I walked up to the window and voted; as I handed my ticket to the judges I noticed that the Reform judge and clerk were not there; one of the