

LEVIN E. BALLARD, 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 eighteenth ward of the city of Baltimore?

Answer. I was.

Question. Did you go to 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 about five minutes past nine o'clock, A. M.

Question. Were you yourself, or did you see others, assaulted, threatened, or in any way interfered with while there; if so, please state the circumstances, as observed or experienced by you?

Answer. I was myself threatened and very roughly handled; I went there and found over a hundred ruffians, many of them members of the "Ranters" and "Little Fellow" clubs; one of them came to me and told me that if I stayed there he would have me killed; I recognized among this crowd Mr. Kennard and Mr. Chaney, who are clerks in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court, under Mr. Sangston, and it was the former who spoke to me; he said further to me, that he had taken no part in the Council election, but that he was there then overlooking matters, and that he was determined no Reformer should vote; he used a good deal of exertion to get the crowd to set upon me, and one of them, John Wright, a subordinate in the penitentiary, came up to me and said, "you son of a bitch, I give you fifteen minutes to leave in;" I was very thankful for the respite, and after consulting some of my friends I determined to leave, and did so without attempting to vote; many of these men were strangers to me; I am satisfied they did not belong to the ward; I saw three omnibuses which were being filled with the "Ranters," before I went to the polls, who appeared to be going off somewhere else.

Question. Was the barricade as erected an advantage or an obstruction to a full and fair vote?

Answer. Decidedly an obstruction, I should think.

Question. Was the inside of the barricade free and open to the voters; if not, how was it occupied?

Answer. It was not free and open; it was obstructed by the crowd around the polls.

Question. Was the location of the polls one favorable to a fair and full vote, or one calculated to deter and intimidate voters?

Answer. It was one calculated to intimidate voters, for the reason that it was next to "*Ranter's Hall.*"