

share the same fate, in which case I should have retaliated; this, I was sure, would lead to serious consequences, as we had just heard of several similar cases in the other wards, as also I felt assured, from what I saw, that there could not be a fair expression, and therefore felt that it was not necessary for me to jeopardize myself and friends by voting; before leaving the polls, we sent a deputation to the acting Mayor, composed of Mr. Bollman and other gentlemen, asking that the polls might be opened to us; we waited the return of the committee, who informed us that the Mayor declined interfering in the matter; we then thought it advisable to disperse, and did so; I did not subsequently return to the polls.

Question. Did you see any weapon or weapons of any kind in the hands of those controlling the approach to the window?

Answer. I think I saw one case of a man having a horse pistol, holding it in his hand, threatening.

Question. Were the party of whom you have spoken as having possession of the polls, themselves engaged in voting, or were they blocking up the passage and preventing others from voting?

Answer. There were many of that party who were not voting themselves, but were engaged preventing others approaching the window; some of them were engaged in voting and bringing others up to vote.

Question. Was the state of things at the polls, as you saw it, such as might reasonably intimidate a man of ordinary courage and firmness, and deter him from voting?

Answer. It certainly was, and every effort was made by the rowdy party to cause a difficulty.

Question. Did you make more than one effort to approach to vote?

Answer. I made several efforts, and in every attempt was pushed back; I tried on all sides where I thought there was an opportunity, and always with the same results.

Cross-examination.

Question. Please to state how long you have resided in the nineteenth ward.

Answer. Since April, 1859.

Question. Do you know the boundaries of that ward?

Answer. Some of them; not all.

Question. What is the population?

Answer. That I do not know.

Question. Are you generally acquainted with the voters of that ward?

Answer. I am not.

Question. Was there a barricade in front of the poll?

Answer. There was not.