

THOMAS E. COALE, a witness of lawful age, produced on the part of the contestants, having first made solemn affirmation, deposes and says :

Question. Were you, on the 2d of November, a legal voter in the eighteenth ward in the city of Baltimore?

Answer. I was.

Question. Did you on that day see any illegal voting at any of the polls in the city of Baltimore ; if so, state what you saw.

Answer. I saw at the polls of the thirteenth ward, near my place of business, a young man deposit his vote three successive times, assisted by another young man, who seemed to have much influence at the polls ; he would pass around the corner and change his hat and then return and vote again.

*Cross-examination.*

Question. Could you identify that man if he was now present ?

Answer. I could not.

Question. At what hour was it ?

Answer. About the close of the morning.

Question. At the time you saw the thirteenth ward poll did it appear to be free and open to the access of anybody ?

Answer. No, it did not.

Question. Why not ?

Answer. A large majority of one party took possession of the polls, and voters of the other party could not get up without endangering their lives.

Question. Please to state whether during the time you observed the thirteenth ward polls, you saw any one murdered, or armed gangs of ruffians displaying firearms, or whether you saw any one assaulted, and if so, how ?

Answer. I saw no one murdered ; I saw no gangs of ruffians that I knew to be armed, although I saw many ruffians there ; I saw a man hustled about a great deal.

Question. Please to state this man's injuries, who was so hustled about, whether he went away limping.

Answer. He was assisted by two policemen.

Question. Have you a personal knowledge of the names upon the ballots that you have spoken of above as having been cast illegally ?

Answer. No, I have not.

Question. Did you vote at the eighteenth ward ; how long before you got your vote in after attempting to vote ?

Answer. I did ; about an hour.