

Answer. I was.

Question. Did you act as one of the judges of election in that ward on that way?

Answer. I did.

Question. Was the approach to the polls safe and accessible to the voters on that day?

Answer. No, sir, it was taken possession of by the American party as soon as the polls were opened, and was held so throughout the day pretty much.

Question. Were any voters molested or interfered with, in their efforts to approach the polls and vote?

Answer. Yes.

Question. What was the extent and character of the interference and obstruction?

Answer. When the polls opened they were immediately taken possession of by the American party, and whatever Reform votes were put in, were only so put in by the sufferance of the party around the window; whenever the Reform party attempted to get to the window they were generally driven off, pushed away, &c.; if one of the American party offered to vote, the crowd let him up without any difficulty, and no questions were asked of him, except such as I put, which were generally disregarded; the other judges would say, they knew the man, it wasn't necessary; if a Reformer came up, he would be asked for his papers, &c., and while the papers were undergoing examination, the crowd outside would be beating the voter; I saw pistols and billies projecting from the pockets of the crowd; when Francis Gallagher came up to vote, for instance, he was asked for his papers, and because he did not produce them, his ticket was thrown away; many of the Reform votes that were taken, were only got in by my exertions in reaching out my arm over the heads of the persons in front of the window, and taking their tickets in that way; there were a great many that came to vote in hacks and omnibusses, but we only received two such votes; I put myself in front of the box, and told the other judge that the votes of persons so brought there were not legal, and that he should pass them to me, and I would place them behind the box, and make signal to the clerks not to enter them, which was done, and I suppose there were over two hundred such votes thrown behind the box; we did this in order to save disturbance at the window, which we feared would be the result, if we rejected the votes altogether; five policemen came up from the seventeenth ward and offered to vote, but I rejected their votes, telling them that I knew they were from the seventeenth ward; they replied, "they would mark me;" "I told them to mark away;" I was often threatened by the parties outside, that they "would pull me out of the window, &c.;" there was one man who offered to vote whom I had rejected at the Council election, and he asked me if I intended to reject him again, I told him I did; he went off, but