

clothes, some of them without any shirts, one I observed without any shoes, some without hats; they were marched up to the polls, in charge of the man I have referred to, in Indian file, where they voted as rapidly as Mr. Hinesly, the chief judge, could take their tickets; the man who had them in charge, cried out, "clear the way, make room for the voters," and pushed everybody else aside; as the party voted, and I suppose there were twenty or thirty of them at least, they marched back into Levy's house, and out again, then voted again, and back to Levy's house, then out and again voted, then back and out again, and voted; I suppose I saw the process repeated, from six to a dozen times myself, by the same party, that is to say, I do not wish to be understood as identifying every individual in the gang, but I did identify particular individuals among them, who came in and went out, and voted, as I have stated, and, as they all went in and came out together, and the general aspect of the whole gang, was the same at each repeated voting, with the same individuals whom I did identify repeating the same process, in the same way, I did not, and cannot doubt, that the whole gang took part in the repeated voting."

This case is one of the most flagrant proved, but there are many others of greater or less degrees of enormity established beyond controversy—(see testimony, printed pages 34, 36, 59, 110, 141, 259, 277, 287, 192, 106, 115, 138, 142, 174, 296, 310, 320, &c.) These frauds were not covertly perpetrated, but in the most open and public manner, in the face of the police, and the judges of election, many of whom from some cause, of which your committee will leave the House to sit in judgment, manifested little or no concern how often the same persons voted. The contestants have not undertaken to prove definitely the extent or number of the fraudulent votes cast, nor could it well be done, for the reason that the greater wrong of violence which drove peaceable and honest men from the polls, prevented the complete ascertainment of the frauds.

In connexion with the matters of fraud and violence and illegal voting, your committee begs leave to call the attention of the House to the horrors and atrocities connected with the system of cooping voters during the several days prior to the election. The testimony upon this point is revolting in the extreme, (see printed pages 34, 102, 136, 180, 182, 248 and 313.) Scores and hundreds of unoffending men of the humbler classes were kidnapped from the streets, or decoyed into rooms or cellars, commonly termed "Coops," where they were treated with cruel barbarity. If they offered the slightest resistance to their captors, they were brought