

I think, everything went on as quietly and peaceably as could be. About that time in the day, there was some little uproar, not directly before the window, but some distance from it, by a party coming to vote. Making their way up to the window, they wanted to vote. The judge refused to take their vote. I, as one, refused to take the vote of several. One man insisted upon voting. He said he lived in Sharp street, I asked him the number of his house, and he told me; the Reform Jndge wanted him sworn, but I refused to accede to this, knowing that he did live there. I afterwards put the Bible to him for the purpose of swearing him, and they (the Reformers) were going to strike me on the head with it; whilst I was engaged doing this they were taking votes from other parties who produced papers, although we had made it a rule on that day, (which was agreed to by the judges,) not to take the vote of any man coming to the window, knowing him to be a foreigner, unless he was known by one or other of the judges personally; or some other responsible party.— These parties seeing this, created a good deal of trouble, but it was all against the judges for taking those votes and not taking their's. They did not deter any one from voting, nor did they threaten any one. We refused to take their votes, and they halloed and called us sons of bitches, and said we were Reformers, but still, they did not molest anybody.— They were not members of the ward, for I knew pretty much all the voters of the ward, after they left, we had a quiet and peaceable election. I do not think I ever witnessed a quieter election at that ward, or any other ward in the city. The cause of the disturbance to which I have referred was, that the one party said the other men were voting striped tickets, although both parties had them, if it comes to that.

Q. Was the Reform ticket striped?

A. There were two men by the same name living in the ward, and one of them was acting as judge at the ward; during the day there was a letter came to the window to him, and I looked at the endorsement and saw that it was addressed to the wrong man, upon which I said "John, that's not yours—it is Aleks," and when he came up, we opened the letter, and found in it 21 Reform tickets of this description. It was said that they voted that, there were some few of them in the ballot-box, but I cannot say how many; that was the way this disturbance was created, I think. We had no trouble; all the trouble was, that they threatened us and wanted to know where the return judge lived, as they said they would settle with him afterwards.

Q. Do you know whether the party who made the threats were Americans or Reformers?