

cases together. The counsel of Mr. Purnell then objected to the further progress of the examination of witnesses, and to the testimony already taken this evening, on the ground that a quorum of the committee was not present, the counsel desiring to procure the opinion of a quorum of the committee as to the above ruling. The committee offered to allow the witnesses already examined this evening, to be recalled, but the counsel refused to agree to their testimony being rejected or any more evidence taken, in the absence of a quorum, as he desired first to obtain a hearing and revision of the above ruling from a full committee, or at least a quorum. It not being intended to intimate in the slightest degree, by this statement, that the meeting of the committee this evening, was held or called in any clandestine or improper manner, or that full notice of it was withheld from Mr. Purnell or his counsel intentionally.

But the committee overruled this objection and decided to go on with the examination in the absence of a quorum.

And the said Purnell desires that this, his protest, be entered upon the journal of the committee.

W. H. PURNELL.

As the list of witnesses from the other wards was called over, and all present who answered to their names examined, Mr. Purnell asked the committee so far to relax their rule as to examine two other very important witnesses—witnesses that could testify to facts not yet in evidence before the committee.

*Mr. Freaner* stated, that the counsel for Mr. Purnell would be at perfect liberty to recall any of the witnesses, or all of them that had been examined in the absence of Mr. Hagner, if it was his wish.

After some consultation with the committee, it was agreed to admit the testimony of two other witnesses from the wards before excluded.

*Philip F. Dorsey*, sworn.

By *Mr. Hagner*—Witness. I am aged 40, and live in the third ward, and have lived there ten or fifteen years. I was present at the election held on the second of November last, and reached the polls early in the morning, before they were opened, I remained in the neighborhood of the polls until about twelve o'clock, then I went home and had my dinner, and returned, along with my father, between one and two o'clock, and remained there until nearly about the time of closing the polls.

Q. State what was the condition of the polls, for order or otherwise, compared with former elections which you have seen?