

ANNAPOLIS, FRIDAY, Feb. 17, 1860.

The Committee met this morning at half past ten o'clock in McCullough's Hotel—Mr. Freamer in the chair.

Present—Dr. Wilson, and Messrs. Morgan and Medders.

*Joshua Underwood* sworn.

By *Mr. Hagner*—who appeared on behalf of Wm. Schley, Esq.

Witness. I am aged 55 years, and have been in Baltimore 40 years or upwards. I was present at the last election held on the 2nd of November, and was one of the return judges of the fourth ward.

Q. What was the character of that election for quiet or the reverse?

A. I was pretty much confined in the room; but as far as I could see, there was no fighting, I understand there were some eggs thrown, but I did not see them. I saw some little pushing, but nothing more than what I have seen on many elections previously. I called to the men that were pushing to let voters come up, as I wanted to clear the way so as to allow every man the privilege of voting.

Q. Did you see any violence or intimidation used?

A. Not in the least, with the exception of some pushing.

Q. There was no fighting?

A. Not that I saw.

Q. Has there not always been pushing?

A. No, sir, not always.

Q. Was it worse than previous elections?

A. No, sir, I don't think it was, I have seen a little crowding sometimes.

Q. Comparing it with other elections, so far as you saw it, what do you say was its character?

A. I don't think it was any worse in my own ward than I have seen it before.

Q. Were the polls opened and closed at the right time?

A. They were opened at nine and closed at six.