

was voluntary on the part of Mr. Falls or not; that was his report, sir.

*Stephen H. Manly*, sworn.

By *Mr. Hagner*—Q. Will you state whether you were at the election on November last, and give in a narrative form as near as you can what you saw on that day?

A. I was at the election; I live in the eighteenth ward, and am Deputy Marshal of police. I was with Mr. Spicer during the greater part of the day, being in charge of the force in reserve; I did not have an opportunity of visiting many of the polls myself, being in the office for the purpose of dispatching officers, and doing all that lay in my power for the purpose of keeping peace and quiet throughout the city.

Q. Did you do so?

A. So far as I was able.

Q. Were you at any of the polls?

A. I was at the eighteenth and the tenth ward polls.

Q. What time did you get to the eighteenth ward polls?

A. I was there but a few minutes. A gentleman by the name of Mr. Hambleton lodged a complaint at the office with Mr. Spicer in relation to being prevented from voting at the eighteenth ward; I was present at the time and Mr. Spicer ordered me to take a hack and go up there and see that order was restored; on going out of the door, I met Mr. Concill, the clerk of the second Branch. After hearing the complaint of Mr. Hambleton, I met Mr. Concill, who had just come from the 18th ward polls, and he told me—

*Mr. Freaner*—Just state what came under your own observation.

*Witness*—I don't know that I can get at my statement well if I am confined to that; after I had made the inquiry, I thought the complaint was entirely unfounded, and did not go immediately.

*Mr. Freaner*—Just state what you saw.

*Witness*—If I am only to tell you what I saw at the polls, I cannot say I saw anything, because I had no opportunity, owing to the fact of my being in the office during the greater part of the day.

*Mr. Hagner*—What polls were you at first and at what hour?

A. The tenth ward polls were the first I was at. That was immediately after the firing. I was engaged in the Marshal's office at that time, and when I heard the reports of the pistols, I ran out as fast as I could, but when I got to the polls, the difficulty was over. I saw parties going in dif-