

mayor to the police force were to use all their energy in order to preserve peace and quiet at the polls?

A. That was their orders.

Q. Do I understand you to say, that, to the best of your belief and judgment, the election was as peaceable and quiet as all the energy and power of the police force would have enabled them to make it?

A. I don't say so, and for this reason, that the police force have one duty to perform, and there are other officials who have another.

*Mr. Wallis*—My question is as to the police.

Witness—Our duty only is to arrest, but it is no uncommon thing to arrest a man, five or six times for a similar offence.

*Mr. Wallis*—I ask whether you mean to say that the election was as peaceable and quiet as the police force, by the use of all their power and energy, and clothed with the authority they have, could make it?

Witness—I could not say that it was, because I cannot answer that every police officer in Baltimore did his duty on that day.

*Col. Wm. Chesnut*, sworn.

By *Mr. Hagner*—Q. Please state your age, occupation and residence, and what you know regarding the election held on the 2nd of November last in the city of Baltimore, as for order or the reverse?

Witness—I am aged 53, and am a grocer. I was at the fourth ward polls probably two or three times during the day, and the best of order prevailed on all occasions. I passed by the tenth ward polls, and everything was as peaceable as ever I saw any election in my life.

Q. How long did you remain there?

A. Not more than ten or fifteen minutes—probably I might have been one hour at some of the other polls. The only polls I visited were the fourth and tenth wards, and some others I saw in passing to my business.

Q. How would the last election in Baltimore compare with others which you have seen, for quietness or the reverse?

A. I will answer that in this way: it is not a beginning, nor a shadow of a beginning, to what I have seen twenty years ago, at which time I have seen the streets running with blood.

*Mr. Wallis*—You don't regard that as any justification for others of a similar character, do you?

Witness—No, but I was asked to make the comparison