

Smith was drawing a pistol, and I caught him by the shoulder, and told him not to do so; I ordered the police officers to take both these parties away, which was done; there was another man that keeps an apothecary in Baltimore street who came up, and I saw him commence striking with an iron pestle, and he got beat. The eighteenth ward is a very large one, and it has always been as much as we could do to get our vote in there.

Q. Was there more than the usual amount of crowding?

A. No, sir, there was not, and during some parts of the day there was not so much.

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

A. I have seen it a great deal worse.

Q. Under the circumstances, that was a fair election?

A. I think so. We did not poll anything like the vote we always have; we did not poll 1400, and we never polled before scarcely under 2500.

*Mr. Gaither*—Were you in the room when the returns were signed?

A. I was; and Mr. Brotherton, the Democratic judge (and he has always been so, and was never anything else) said that it was the fairest election he had ever seen in that ward.

*Mr. Stockbridge*—What office do you hold?

A. I am clerk of the Lexington market.

Q. Did you see any arms drawn?

A. I did not, only those of Mr. Smith's, and I cannot say certainly whether he pulled the pistol out or not.

Q. Did you see Ephraim Larrabee prevented from voting?

A. I did not.

Q. Did you see Thomas Hambleton prevented from voting?

A. No, sir.

Q. Do you say that the apothecary commenced striking before he was assaulted?

A. I think so.

Q. Did you see any persons stuck with awls?

A. I did; I was stuck myself with them.

Q. Was that at the polls?

A. It was.

*Mr. Morgan*—You say it was a quiet election; is that the way all elections are conducted in Baltimore?

A. I have seen it a great deal worse, but I don't think I ever saw any awls used before the last election.

Q. Do you know whether there were any arms over the place in which the polls were?