

fence, and I told him that, in the excitement of the day, those arms might be used. We then next went about, and consumed all that day in selecting another place. We had applied for several places, and finally we procured a building on Cathedral street, much nearer the geographical centre of the ward than the former place. I don't know whether it was nearer the centre of population, but we considered that no reasonable man would object to go to the geographical centre of his ward. We had selected that place on Cathedral street above Read. Several members of the Reform party came to me on Sunday (we had selected it on Saturday,) and said that the place was very objectionable. Mr. Gill came to me early next morning, and accused me plainly of having selected the polls for the purpose of butchering the citizens of the ward. I pardoned him on account of his age, but if the same language had been used by a younger man, I would have pitched him out of the door. I afterwards told him that they might select any place in the ward within a square of the former place, and we would take it. Mr. Gill then went and procured a building next to the very one that had been refused us, so the selection of the polls there was his work, not ours.

Q. Did you select a place in Cathedral street?

A. There is a good deal of difficulty in procuring a suitable place in the eleventh ward. It is occupied principally by large residences, and there is no wealthy man going to permit the polling to be held in his house. We are compelled to hold the polls in small places. We did our duty in going about all day in selecting a place, and finally yielded in taking a place of Mr. Gill's selection.

*Mr. Schley*—Who went with you to select a place?

A. Mr. Durham and myself, and we sent several police officers also. We took all pains we could take to get a suitable place.

Q. I want you to say, whether or not there was more difficulty in voting at this poll than on former elections which you witnessed in that ward.

A. No, sir, the voting itself could not have been more quiet. The only trouble was in regard to the barricade. If that barricade had not been there, there would not have been a single scene of disorder.

*Mr. Freaner*—Q. If you thought that that barricade was productive of those scenes of disorder, why did you not have it peaceably removed, so as to prevent this rioting?

A. We found the barricade there in the morning, and we