

Proceedings of the Committee on Elections.

February 10th, 1864.

Committee met. Agreed to consider all the Somerset County cases together, and to notify the sitting Members of the House from Somerset, of this determination.

Messrs. Thomas S. Alexander and Isaac D. Jones appeared for the incumbents of the offices of Clerk of Circuit Court and Register of Wills. Mr. A. B. Hagner for contestants for same offices. Adjourned.

4½ P. M. Committee met. Present—Messrs. Tyson, Chairman, Frazier, Herbert and Hitchcock.

Mr. Alexander Randall also appeared for contestants for offices of Clerk and Register as aforesaid.

For contestants. J. W. Crisfield sworn by Mr. Hagner. I reside in Princess Anne District, Somerset County. I was at the polls on the day of the general election, November, 1863.

Ques.—Mr. Hagner. State in a narrative form what you know in connection therewith.

Ans.—On the morning of that day, the judges of election, Messrs. Pinto, Dryden and Fisher met in the street, nearly opposite my office, and in front of Wilson's hotel. About the same time a squad of cavalry, about twenty or thirty, under Capt. Moore, came into the village from their camp, a mile South of the town, where they had been quartered the preceding night. Capt. Moore came to the judges, approached them, and immediately I saw a large handbill, which turned out to be Gen. Schenck's Order No. 53.

I approached and found Mr. Pinto reading aloud from this handbill. When he had concluded a conversation ensued, in which Captain Moore, in substance, stated:—that he was there with his forces to execute that order, and that the Judges would be required to obey it. Some one asked, if they should fail to obey it, what would be the result? His reply was, he should arrest the Judges and send them to Baltimore. Captain