

the suspicion you mention ; and I am somewhat mortified that there could be a doubt of my views upon this point of your inquiry. I wish all loyal, qualified voters in Maryland and elsewhere, to have the undisturbed privilege of voting at elections; and neither my authority nor my name can be properly used to the contrary.

Your obedient servant,

A. LINCOLN.

Ques.—Mr. Alexander. Was or not the apprehension existing of danger to those who might engage in the movement—one of the causes which probably delayed the formation of the Democratic ticket, and the announcement thereof to the public

Ans.—I am not able to answer. It was understood that Col. Woolford was to be a candidate for clerk, but it was equally understood that there was to be no Democratic ticket, as I thought.

Ques.—Mr. Alexander. Do you or not know that the apprehension of personal danger kept many from the polls, who would have voted for Col. Woolford and J. J. Dashiell?

Ans.—I do not know the fact, though I think it is probably true.

Ques.—Mr. Alexander. What was the relative strength of the Democratic and anti-Democratic parties in the Princess Anne district, at elections held for several elections prior to the year 1861?

Ans.—It was nearly balanced previous to 1861.

The Committee here adjourned and offered an order to the House, with regard to taking evidence in Somerset county, which was rejected.

Chief Examination resumed, 4½ P. M.

Present—Messrs. Tyson, Herbert, Dent, Hitchcock and Westcott.

Mr. Tuck appeared for claimants.

Ques.—Mr. Hagner. From which side, in your opinion, were the votes taken, as a general thing, which were cast for Col. Graham.

Ans.—I do not think that any votes which were cast for Col. Graham would have been cast for Col. Woolford under any circumstances, there may have been some individual exceptions, but I am not aware of any such.