

Ques.—Mr. Hagner. Do you or not know that the apprehension of danger prevented many from attending at the polls, who would have voted for Sidney C. Long for Register, and for Dr. Cadmus Dashiell for Clerk. State how many were so deterred, so far as you know in Princess Anne district?

Ans.—I know from the declarations of sundry persons that they were prevented from attending polls by reason of their apprehension of danger. These persons have declared their intention to me to have voted for Mr. Long and Dr. Dashiell—from other circumstances I believe there were many such, who would have voted for Mr. Long and Dr. Dashiell, but who were kept from the polls by apprehension of danger. It is impossible for me to state the number of such from Princess Anne district.

EXAMINATION OF MR. THOS. SUDLER.

Ques.—Mr. Hagner. State in a narrative form the occurrences at the polls at that district on that day, so far as they passed under your notice.

Ans.—Mr. Sudler. I live in Potato-neck district in Somerset county. I attended at the polls on the 4th of November, it being election day. I arrived at the polls before nine o'clock. When I arrived the judges were sitting in the porch near where the polls were to be held. There were several of the military present. One of the judges had a paper in his hand; I asked him what it was; he said it was Order No. 53. I then turned to the military men, and asked who was in command. One of them—a Lieutenant, I believe—replied that he was. I then asked him if he intended carrying out that Order No. 53; he said he did. Then I asked him if he knew that the Governor had issued a Proclamation countermanding that order; he said he had seen something of it before he left camp. I then drew it from my pocket, having received one the night previous; he then asked me to read it, which I did, and after I had read it, he then said he could not notice the Governor's Proclamation; he said, after hearing it read, that his last orders were to disregard the Governor's Proclamation, and only to carry out the part that the President had left of Order No. 53. I then asked him if the judges could proceed to hold the election as usual; he said they could; that he had a challenger appointed to challenge the voters as they came up; he then drew a paper from his pocket, and showed me the name of the individual he was directed to select as challenger. He was then directed to where that individual lived. The judges then proceeded to open the polls as usual. I then asked him if there were any more military in the county than what had arrived the evening before. He said yes, there was a good many