

more. I asked him then to state how many; he said he did not know exactly; he supposed one thousand at least more. I asked him where they were, and if they were equally distributed at all the polls. He said they were all about, and if there is any disturbance here I can have enough here in half an hour to wipe you all out. I then observed to him that there would be no necessity for that; that if he had come alone he could have enforced the order if necessary, and if there had been no order at all I thought it would have been much better. These troops were armed with muskets and some of them had swords. The Lieutenant also stated that in his first order he was directed to open the tickets and not allow any other than the yellow or Creswell ticket to be put in. The polls were then opened and they proceeded to vote as usual without interruption until between twelve and one o'clock. Then there was a challenger appeared named Wm. H. Holland, and the first vote offered afterward he challenged, and the voter, whose name was John Fontaine, immediately left the polls without voting I believe. I then offered my vote; the judge took it and held it up; it was a white ticket—the Conservative Union ticket—and asked the challenger if he challenged it, which he declined to do, and the vote was put in the box. The judges then, I believe, agreed to administer the oath prescribed in Order No. 53 to all who offered their votes, the most of whom took the oath. There were a few who refused and did not vote. There were very few voters present at any time during the day. There were many deterred from coming by the known presence of the soldiers, it having been reported the day previous that soldiers would be present at the polls. The usual vote, I suppose, in that precinct, is about or over two hundred; on this occasion it was less than one hundred. The soldiers remained at the polls until they were closed.

Mr. Hagner—State whether you know of any voters who would have voted for Long or Dr. C. Dashiell for Register or Clerk, respectively, if they had not been deterred by the presence or apprehended presence of the military?

Ans. I know of some.

By Mr. Alexander.

Ans. Some two or three refused to take the oath when presented by the Judges.

Mr. Alexander—You have said that you know of some who were deterred from voting by the presence or apprehension of the presence of the military. How many, to your knowledge, were so deterred?