

Ans.—I cannot answer as to the points of the compass, but on two sides the distance is about one and a half miles, and the other distances are from three to four miles.

Ques.—How many were challenged by Mr. Holland?

Ans.—I cannot answer that question.

Mr. Alexander—Name the persons who were so challenged, and say which of them voted and which of them did not vote.

Ans.—I cannot answer that question.

Committee adjourned.

February 12th, 10 A. M., 1864.

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

Cyrus L. Jones—sworn.

Mr. Hagner. I was a voter in Tangier district, in Somerset county, at the last election.

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Mr. Hagner. I was Chief Judge at the election in Tangier district. We opened the polls at 9 o'clock. Swore ourselves in as usual by the law of Maryland. A sergeant came up and said we would have to take the oath prescribed in Order No. 53. When I got to the polls I found six or eight cavalry men at the door of the polls all armed. I told the sergeant that "we were perfectly satisfied to take the oath prescribed by Order No. 53, I presumed." I asked him then who was to administer the oath. He said he was the man to do it. He administered the oath to us, and I asked him another question—"What ticket was to be voted?" and he drew from his pocket a yellow or Creswell ticket, and said no other ticket was to be voted that day but that. I then said "if the oath is to be administered to all you will have to do it yourself." He then went out and the door was closed, and he took his stand at the window where the votes were to be put in, having the soldiers with him, and guarded the window all day.

Immediately after the soldiers took their stand at the window the voting commenced. One gentleman offered a white ticket, (his name was Mr. Daniel,) and the Sergeant told him he couldn't vote that ticket. He went off without voting; then several others voted the Creswell ticket without objection and without swearing. Dr. Rider attempted to vote the white ticket. The soldiers refused to allow him to vote. They did not require him to take the oath. They said, "You can't