

vote that ticket." Dr. R. then went off to Dame's Quarter district. He came up again to vote about noon, and he said, "I can vote this ticket by going to Dame's Quarter again and bringing back a guard." Said I, "Doctor, I would do it." He said, "No; he didn't want to make any disturbance." Dr. Rider afterwards told me that his ticket, though a white one, had Mr. Creswell's name written on it for Congress.

When he came back from Dame's Quarter, he brought an instrument of writing purporting to be signed by a Sergeant at Dame's Quarter, stating that loyal citizens were to be allowed to vote the white ticket by putting Creswell's name on it. The Sergeant at our polls brought the paper to me. I looked at it and saw what it was and told him "that man, (meaning the Sergeant at Dame's Quarter) had nothing to do with our polls. If we obeyed every man's order, we had better close, for we have the Governor's proclamation here before us, and we have the Provost Marshal to obey." The Sergeant at our polls said if the judges did not take the oath prescribed in Order 53, the election would be void. I told him that we had the Governor's proclamation to go by, and I thought we ought to be governed by the Governor, and he observed that we had to obey the Provost Marshal that day. I saw several there that did not vote at all. It was a long time before I voted, for the reason that I did not know how to vote, if I were not to be allowed to vote the Crisfield ticket. Then word came by the order from Dame's Quarter before referred to, that we could rub out and change names on the Creswell ticket, so that we voted the yellow ticket.

Witness said, in reply to a question from one of the Committee, that he understood that the voters were to be allowed to change any name, even Mr. Creswell's.

"I then scratched out what I wanted off the Creswell or yellow ticket, and put on those I wanted to vote for. The Sergeant did not know whom I scratched off. Gabriel H. Rowe, at whose house the military were quartered, and who was a candidate on the yellow ticket for House of Delegates, said that it was a day to prove our loyalty in Maryland; that those who did not vote for Creswell would not get "one red" for their negroes. Witness believes he did vote for some on the yellow ticket that he would not have voted for except for this remark of Mr. Rowe, nor would he have voted the yellow ticket. The usual vote of Tangier District, is 145 to 150: on this occasion it was 54 or 56. The voters are pretty equally divided between the Democrats and those opposed to them. In 1861, Mr. Crisfield got 94 to Mr. Henry's 53. I voted for Long for Register and Woolford for Clerk.