

On one occasion, I heard him say that he was going to carry it, or have it carried at the point of the bayonet. Previous to making this remark, he said, in the presence of myself and a friend, that he had received a communication (I do not know whether it was a letter or a telegram) from the Provost Marshal, (he did not say what Provost Marshal,) that a regiment of men were at his disposal, and that he should write him word if he needed them. My friend asked him what use they were intended for with us. His reply was, "To be candid with you, I do not know any other way of using them to advantage except to carry the emancipation ticket." This was previous to the election.

Ques.—Did you vote?

Ans.—I did.

Ques.—Tell the circumstances about your own voting ; were you sworn ?

Ans.—I was not. I suppose my vote, except one other, was the only vote which was cast there without being sworn. I voted immediately after dinner. I drove to town with a man who was working with me at the time. He went up immediately before me, took the oath, and voted. I approached the polls and handed my ticket to Mr. Mathias Disharoon, the judge. He said to me, "Mr. Parsons, your vote is challenged." I turned around to the crowd, and asked, "Who challenges my vote here?" No one answering, I turned back to the judge and said : "Judge, my vote is not challenged ; have I a right to vote? He said, "Certainly, you have," and deposited my vote in the box. This was after the soldiers had been removed from the polls.

Ques.—Were you in Salisbury on the Monday before the election?

Ans.—Yes, sir.

Ques.—Was there a political meeting?

Ans.—Yes, Sir. Mr. Crisfield spoke.

Ques.—Do you remember the arrival of any individuals when Crisfield was speaking?

Ans.—I recollect the arrival of a company of soldiers, which had been formerly raised in Somerset county. They interrupted the meeting very much. There was great hurraing. They stopped just behind the speaker's stand.

Ques.—Was there a large attendance in Salisbury at the Fair?