

1st General Question.—Were you a voter in Somerset county at the general election in November, 1863? If yea, state in what district?

Ans.—Yes, sir; Dame's Quarter District.

2d General Question.—State whether you attended at the polls on said election day?—If yea, state at what time you arrived there.

Ans.—I believe I cast the first vote that was cast on that day.

3d General Question.—State in a narrative form the occurrences at said polls so far as they passed under your observation during the day.

Ans.—I found all quiet when I got there. The soldiers were just arriving when I cast my vote. I voted without molestation. After I had voted, I went down to the next polls, Tangiers District. On coming down there, I met Dr. Ryder going out to the polls I was leaving. He told me he could not vote; that they would not allow him to vote there. When I got to the Tangiers polls, I found there was no one voting, except the yellow ticket. While I was sitting in the room, where the Judges were, Dr. Ryder came to the window and handed in a piece of paper. It was from the Sergeant at the Dame's Quarter polls, stating that all persons who would take the oath of allegiance should be allowed to vote. Dr. Ryder was standing at the window ready to take the oath. They told him he could not vote, unless he voted on the yellow paper. He told him that he was going to vote the Union ticket; that he was going to vote for Mr. Creswell and the other officers on the Republican ticket, but he would not vote on the yellow paper. They said he could not vote, unless he did vote the yellow paper. Nor did he vote while I was there, nor do I think he voted at all. I do not know that there was a vote cast at Tangiers while I was there. I then went back to Dame's Quarter, and as well as my memory serves me, Dr. Ryder, or some other person, told me that the Provost Marshal there, McCoy, should send down further authority to allow those to vote at Tangiers who took the oath, without any interference. I told McCoy of it. He said: "I have nothing to do with it." I remained a short time at this polls after my return, and I saw some come in to vote. Whenever they had the white ticket they were challenged. I had no other conversation with McCoy than what I have stated. The yellow tickets were allowed to be voted without molestation at Dame's Quarters. If a white ticket approached, it was challenged. The soldiers were in possession of the polls at both places. McCoy was in