

Ques.—Do you know any Democrats who did not vote there that day?

Ans.—Yes, sir.

Ques.—Any that were at any time in the District?

Ans.—Yes, sir; in my immediate neighborhood.

Ques.—How many do you know in your district?

Ans.—Samuel Dashiell, George Dashiell, and Isaac Austin. It was thought they would vote the Democrat ticket.

Ques.—Were there any persons in any other district who did not vote?

Ans.—Yes, sir; below, in the district some four or five miles from me. I do not know whether they were in the district that day or not; they might have been on the water oystering. I had not heard of them being away. The three first named had heretofore voted the Democratic ticket.

Ques.—What was the usual Democratic vote in that district?

Ans.—I think it was about 30 or 35.

Ques. Were there residing in the district any who usually voted the Democratic ticket, besides those who actually voted on that day?

Ans.—I did not examine the polls, and of course can only answer the question from information.

Claimants' Counsel.—We offer to prove by the witness that some short time previous to the election, in a conversation between him and Dr. Cadmus Dashiell, the Doctor stated that if the Democrats would have no party ticket, and would vote the Conservative Union ticket, they would not be interfered with.

This is offered in connection with other declarations of Dr. Dashiell, which will be hereafter offered, to show that Dr. Dashiell was a party to the original arrangement to introduce the military into the County.

Contestants' Counsel.—The Contestants wholly denying the truth of the charge contained in the foregoing offer, and averring that the same is utterly unfounded, and that no such proof could be obtained; and believing that the proposed testimony would be inadmissible, if introduced, yet waive their objections, and agree that the said matter may be fully investigated, if the Committee may see fit to allow it.

The Committee ruled the question inadmissible, because even if answered in the affirmative, the opinion of Dr. Dashiell, stated by him, would be no evidence whatever, of his approval