

say it myself. It was the general impression in the county that they would not be allowed to run any ticket.

Ques.—Was this after there were two tickets already in the field?

Ans.—I do not recollect the time the Conservative Union ticket was brought out. It was sometime previous to the election that they had a convention and the ticket was regularly brought out. Afterwards the Administration party, the unconditional Union party, brought out their ticket—the yellow ticket. Then there was a talk among the Democrats whether they should run a ticket or not. On the Tuesday previous to this news coming down, one of the candidates gave me a \$5 bill. It was Mr. Miles, State's Attorney; he said to me if his name was put on the ticket, I was to hand this \$5 over to pay for the usual printing. On Wednesday I heard several come in and say that Mr. Crisfield had stated that there was to be a free and fair vote. After I left my place of business that night, I went over to the clerk's office to put in this money if they were going to run a ticket, but finding no one there, I went over to Mr. Waters' office, where I found several gentlemen. They were discussing the propriety of running a ticket. They said they had as much right to run a ticket as any party. I have been told that the candidates were brought out the next day.

Ques.—Will you now state when you heard of the soldiers being in the county?

Ans.—It was on Monday night; I think between 7 and 8 o'clock. Some one came into the store and said there was 1,000 soldiers at Salisbury for the purpose of controlling the election.

Ques.—Some of those soldiers came to Princess Anne, next day?

Ans.—Yes, sir; the next day, Tuesday.

Ques.—What was the effect of the presence of the soldiers upon the Democratic party and upon the election?

Ans.—On Tuesday I was not at my store during the day, but at night, when I came out, I met several gentlemen, who told me that the Democrats had decided not to run any ticket; that they had instructed the people from the different polls to go home, and not have any election at all. This was Tuesday night. Tuesday is a public day, when there is generally a good many people in town from all parts of the county.

Ques.—When did the Governor's proclamation reach there?