

February 19th, 1864.

The Committee met at 11½ A. M.

Present—Messrs. Tyson, chairman, Westcott, Herbert and Hitchcock.

Dr. George R. Dennis—sworn.

Ques.—You are a resident of Brinkley's district, in Somerset county?

Ans.—I am sir.

Ques.—Were you a voter in that district in November last?

Ans.—Yes, sir.

Ques.—Did you vote at that election?

Ans.—I did sir.

Ques.—At what hour did you vote?

Ans.—I think it was between 11 and 12 o'clock.

Ques.—Why did you not vote earlier?

Ans.—When I went there the election was not proceeding with—the judges were considering how to act. There was a Federal officer in position near the window, who said that he should enforce the order of Gen. Schenck. The judges of election were considering whether they would act in accordance with Gov. Bradford's Proclamation countermanding that order. I asked them for the Governor's Proclamation, and was reading it quietly to myself, when several gentlemen around, asked me to read it aloud; I did so and handed it back to the judges again. They wanted still further time to consider; I went to the window, a very short time afterwards, and asked them what they had determined to do in relation to administering the oath. They told me that they had determined to receive all votes, and act in accordance with the Proclamation of the Governor. I took off my hat, and announced to the people that the judges had determined to conduct the election as it always had been conducted—to allow all to vote and not to administer the oath to any. I deposited my vote, not being questioned at all. After giving my vote, I retired, counselling the people to commit no act of violence—but to go and vote quietly—that all were entitled to vote.

Ques.—How long did you remain at the polls after that?

Ans.—I remained about the polls until about 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Ques.—From the time of depositing your vote until 3 o'clock, was or was not the election conducted quietly?