

## Wittington Polk's Testimony.

Ques.—Will you state whether you were in Princess Anne before the election, and whether you witnessed the arrival of the military, and what was the determination in reference to the Democratic Ticket on that day?

Ans.—So far as my recollection extends, the conclusion on that day was that the Democrats would not be allowed to run any ticket. The next day I left Princess Anne with that understanding.

Ques.—Why was that understanding arrived at?

Ans.—Upon the grounds that they would not be allowed to vote.

Ques.—You saw the arrival of the military in Princess Anne?

Ans.—Yes, Sir.

Ques.—State what occurred the next day; whether you saw any military on the road. What district are you a resident of?

Ans.—Dublin District. The next day I concluded that I would ride out to the polls, to see what was going on, not in any expectation of voting, but merely to see the neighbors and have a talk. Going along, and about a mile before I got to the polls, a Federal officer overtook me. I was riding very slowly, and when he came up, he halted. I asked him if he was in charge of the cavalymen who were in Dublin district. He told me that he was. I then asked him the language of his order. He said the language of his order was, not to interfere with the voting at all, but only to keep down disorder in case of any tumultuous gathering and rioting about the polls. I went on to the polls. The soldiers were not directly at the polls; they were one hundred and fifty yards off. They did not interrupt the polls at all; they were attending to their own business. The Judges read the proclamation of Governor Bradford, and they came to the conclusion that the voting would go on as usual. After dinner, three gentlemen arrived from Princess Anne district; these were B. J. Lankford, Charles T. Marshall and Avery Taylor. After they came down, the officer challenged Mr. Dryden; after that Mr. Taylor took a position in the poll room, and every Democrat that he knew to be a Democrat he challenged.

Ques.—Do you know any Democrats after Mr. Taylor went there, that by his objecting were prevented from voting?

Ans.—Yes, sir. There was Mr. Thomas Maddox, who offered his vote and was challenged; he declined to take the oath, and consequently the Judges refused to take his vote.