

Ans.—I was a voter, sir, but did not vote. I live in Princess Anne district, and have voted there for 13 years previous to the last election.

Ques.—Will you state at what time the Democrat ticket was brought out in Somerset county, and if you know the reason why it was not brought out earlier, and state the circumstances under which it was finally brought out?

Ans.—I think the ticket was made about two weeks previous to the election. It was not made at an earlier day because there were threats from various sources that any Democrat who would present himself as a candidate would be arrested; that no Democrat ticket would be permitted to be run in the county. It was desirable, if we ran a ticket at all, that we should put out one which would command the respect of the people, and the ticket was withheld until such time as we had assurance that there would be no military interference at the election. That assurance was given a few days before the election. A week before the election it came to us through the friends of Mr. Crisfield.

Ques.—What assurances were given?

Ans.—That there would be no military interference; that we would have a fair and free election; that every body entitled to vote would be allowed to vote, and that every body who wished to be candidates would be permitted to be candidates.

Ques.—From what source did those rumors of threats come previous to the Democrats bringing out their ticket?

Ans.—It was rumored that they came from the Provost Marshal. I know further that gentlemen approached Colonel Woolford and requested him not to be a candidate. After these assurances, the Democrats got out their ticket; the ticket was offered and printed, but it was not issued until two days before the election. The ticket was issued on Monday and sent out to the different districts. On Tuesday there was a collection of people from various parts of the county at Princess Anne. The Democrats, when it was found that there would be troops at the polls, determined to withdraw the ticket, and a very large number of Democrats from different parts of the county went away with the impression that there would be no ticket at the polls on Wednesday morning. Then the Governor's proclamation had not been received; it was received when the stage came in on Tuesday night, between 7 and 8 o'clock. Even then, with the Governor's proclamation, among the Democrats in Princess Anne, there was very little disposition to try the chances of an election the next day. I think it was about 8