

By Mr. Devecmon :

1st Question. What is your name, age, residence and occupation ?

Answer. My name is Jacob Shaffer, age 63, reside in District No. 10, Allegany county, and by occupation a Mechanic.

2nd Question. Where you registered prior to Nov. 1866 ?

Answer. I was registered in September, 1866.

3rd Question. Did you attend the election held in Allegany county, November 6, 1866; did you offer to vote, and was your vote accepted or rejected, and whose names were on your ticket as candidates for House of Delegates ?

Answer. I attended said election, offered to vote, but it was rejected. The names of the persons on my ticket as candidates for the House of Delegates, were William Devecmon, Patrick Hammil, George W. McCulloh, Wm. A. Bryden and John McElfish.

4th Question. Where there any armed men at the polls on November 6. 1866, in District No. 10 ?

Answer. There were a good many armed men there, and they belonged to the Radical party.

*Cross-examined by Mr. Brown.*

1st Question. How many armed men were there ?

Answer. About 30 I think. I was at the polls about three hours. I knew some of the armed party, about fifteen. They were Radicals, that is those I knew; I cant say as to the politics of the other fifteen; I saw no use made of the arms; I saw no one assaulted.

I did not vote, the Judges refused my vote, but never asked me to take any oath; They asked me if I had not voted for the Ordinance of Secession in Virginia; I told them I had, because I believed all the Southern States would secede, and then we would have a National Convention, and settle things without bloodshed; consider myself loyal; had a son killed in the Federal Army, and never gave any aid or comfort to the enemy except to feed them under compulsion. I offered to prove my loyalty to the Judges by soldiers in the Union Army. It is not usual in District No. 10, to carry so many guns to the polls, sometimes two or three.

JACOB SHAFER.

*Deposition No. 12.*

GEORGE L. MOSSER, being duly sworn, deposed and said as follows, to wit:

By Mr. Devecmon,