

DEPOSITION NO. 5.

Sylvanus Sykes, being duly sworn, deposed and said as follows, to wit:

By Mr. Holton. Question. What is your name, residence, age and occupation?

Witness answers. My name is Sylvanus Sykes, residence Ellicotts Mills, Howard county, 48 years of age, dentist.

By Mr. Holton. Ques. State whether you are acquainted with Dr. Littleton Maclin, and if so, how long and how familiarly you have known him, and what facilities you have had during the last four years of knowing his sentiments towards the U. S. Government?

Witness answers. I have known Dr. Maclin about ten or twelve years. I see him frequently down at the Mills.

By Mr. Holton. Ques. State whether you have ever heard Dr. Maclin speak of the U. S. Government or its officers, of the rebellion or its leaders, and if so, state what you have heard him say as fully as you remember it?

By Dr. Maclin. This question excepted to.

Witness answers. So far as conversation goes I don't think I ever had any with him myself about the Government. I don't recollect much. But I have heard him say that if Maryland went with the North he did not want to live in Howard county or Maryland. I cannot say positively which, county or State.

CROSS-EXAMINED BY DR. MACLIN.

Question. Where was Dr. Maclin when he made that remark, and where were you?

Witness answers. Dr. Maclin was on Bond's porch, and I was either in my yard or in my office on the opposite side of the road.

By Dr. Maclin. Ques. Did you hear the conversation which preceded that remark?

Witness answers. Not to notice it.

By Dr. Maclin. Ques. Who was present on the porch at that time?

Witness answers. I don't recollect.

By Dr. Maclin. Ques. Fix the time as nearly as you can when that remark was made?

Witness answers. I think it was either in April or May, 1861.

S. SYKES.