

Ques. Have you yourself at any time in conversation with any one whatsoever justified or apologized for the course of the States in rebellion, expressed a wish for their success or your sympathy with them.

Ans. I can say that I have never sympathized with the rebellion. I have always condemned secession. But I have sympathized with some individuals in the South. I have friends in both armies, the most of whom are in the Union army.

Question marked the X.

Ans. It looks to me as if that was disloyal.

JAMES SIMPSON.

Neither party desiring to make further interrogatories or producing any other witnesses, I accordingly close this testimony and certify that the foregoing is a true statement of answers given by the several witnesses as they were respectively produced and examined before me this day.

Given under my hand and seal this sixteenth day of January in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and sixty-five.

SAMUEL MAINSTER, [Seal]

Judge of the Peace.

STATE OF MARYLAND, Howard County, &c.:

I hereby certify that Samuel Mainster, Judge, before whom the annexed affidavits were made and who has thereto subscribed his name, was at the time of so doing a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland, in and for Howard County, duly commissioned and sworn.

In testimony whereof, I hereto set my hand and affix the seal of the Circuit Court for Howard County, this 16th day of January A. D. 1865. [Seal.]

W. W. WATKINS, Clerk.