

*Wm. H. Hooper* was called and sworn.

(Examined on the part of contestants.)

1st. interrogatory—Were you a legal voter in the 3rd ward of Baltimore on the 2nd Nov. 1859?

Deponent answers—I was and have been for 15 years.

2nd interrogatory—Was there any obstacle to a free and fair vote of the ward? If so, state the nature and extent of the obstacle.

Deponent answers—I went to the polls about 15 minutes past ten o'clock, and found a barricade in front of the window running parallel with the house and between 7 or 8 feet high. I went up through the passage way and voted; each side, the side towards the house and the side of the barricade was lined with members of the American party. I voted and went to the upper or northern end of the barricade and stopped there a few moments to look on. Some one of them whom I do not know, who had his hands full of American tickets, said, Hooper we have allowed you to vote and you must now leave. I then went to the front of the barricade close to the curb-stone and stood there some 10 to 15 minutes when a party of men from the upper end of the ward came down and said let us clear the polls of the d—d Reformers. They all went within the barricade but I could not see whether they voted or not; they came out in front of the barricade and commenced changing their hats and coats; then they went up the aisle again with American tickets in their hands. This they did several times while I was there. They were then joined by another crowd from the 2nd ward (Rough Skins) and then commenced hauling and pulling persons about in the crowd and cursing; they then obstructed the polls so much that it was impossible for any one to approach them; one of them said, now, let us clear the polls; they then made a rush for the street and knocked down several persons; after that time there was no chance for persons to get to the polls, so far as I could see. I remained there until half past 11 o'clock and becoming satisfied that there was no fair election I left. I went back in the evening and remained there a few moments, and finding things as they were in the morning, I left.

*H. P. Brooks* was called and sworn.

(Examined on the part of contestants.)

To 1st interrogatory—Were you a legal voter in the 12th ward of Baltimore, on the 2nd November, 1859?

Answer—I was.