

PRINCESS ANNE, 5TH ELECTION DIST., }
 December 26th, 1865. }

The undersigned deponent, being duly sworn before Edward F. Duer, Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland, in and for Somerset County, deposeth and saith, in answer to the *first question*,

1. That he was present at two different times for about an hour each time;

In answer to the *second question*,

2. That Samuel B. D. Jones, Littleton Polk and James M. Dryden were the Judges, and John W. Polk and William H. Brown were the Clerks;

In answer to the *third question*,

3. That it so believed in this community, and neither has been nor will be denied, I presume, by any one. The truth of the allegation is admitted by all;

In answer to the *fourth question*,

4. That the first time I visited the polls, there was quite a feeling around the Judges in regard to the vote of a certain Levin Thomas Parker, whose name was registered as Thomas Parker, being generally known by that name, and there being no other person of that name in the district; he had already been rejected, and was making the second proffer of his ballot when I saw him, but the Judges refused to receive it. I did not take any part in the discussion, nor made any effort to persuade the Judges to take his vote, as I believed they acted properly in the matter, but I was near enough to hear the ground of their objection, which was that Levin Thomas Parker's name was not upon the list. Just about this time, about half-past eleven o'clock, Mr. Henry W. Potter came to me and said that his vote had been rejected, on the ground that it was improperly registered, being put upon the list as William Potter, as I was acquainted with all the circumstances of the case, he requested me to state them for him to the Judges. I went with him to Mr. Polk, the chief Judge, and told him that I came at Mr. Potter's request, solely, to state that, when the list was first published in the *Somerset Herald*, Mr. Potter's name was registered as William Potter; that Mr. P. came to me and asked why he was not registered; I told him I thought there was a mistake, and advised him to write to the Registers; he did so, and the Registers wrote me a note stating that the name William Potter was intended for Henry W. Potter, and instructing me to make the change, which I did. Mr. Polk's answer to me was, that all this might be true, he did not doubt but that it was as I said, but that he was sworn not to let any man vote whose name was