

State of Maryland

City of Balt on this 18th day of September
1866. before the undersigned Clerk of Circuit Court
personally appeared Samuel Brown, late Pri in
Co^l R 30th U S Col^o and James Dorsey, late
Pri in Co^l D. 39th U S Col^o both residents of Balt-
City, who upon being duly sworn according to Law
declare that they with Benjamin Nicholson
Pri in Co^l R 30th U S Col^o were detailed from
their Reg^{ts} to do duty at & near the Weldon R R.
that while there a fire broke out in the woods
and threatened the destruction of the
tents, & Company Dep^{ts} that to save them they
had to be removed after the fire was finally
extinguished and the tents removed back,
on or about the 13th day of October 1864 - when
near the Yellow house at the Weldon R R.
while driving down posts to reset the tents
the axe flew off the handle, the sharp edge
of the axe entered the left ankle Bone of
Benjamin Nicholson^d seriously wounding
him from which he is now greatly