of 10 lots. There were only 23 other lots sold or offered for sale by me during the time from 19th Ap. to Nov 1/61 thinks the loss of confidence between man and man and between man and the government the cause of the disturbed condition of our once happy country.

Re-examined by Mr. Gittings.

Thinks the trouble of the Country affects City property more than country property. Witness thinks it a good time to sell country property thinks farming land would bring as much now as before the disturbed condition of the Country. Dont think the sales of Withers property was at all affected by the condition of the Country and the times, Judges so from the competition shown at sale.

2nd Cross Ex. by Mr. McLaughlin.

Sold on the 23d of April 61 a property on Frederick road near Catonsville which property was advertised on the 23d March 61

Question by Mr. McLaughlin. Have you sold or offered any other Country property between 19th Apl 61 and 1st Nov. same year

Answer. on May 1st offered Country seat at Ellicotts Mills, called Alhambra did not sell it, that was all I sold or offered to sell never saw the Withers property.

Mr. P. Lightner, Sworn, Resides in Baltimore City has been since 1858 a real estate agent and collector has not paid so much attention to real estate as to collections am acquainted with and have passed over a portion of the Withers estate was present at the Exchange Balto. City at the sale in Oct last testified to by Mr. Bennett, went there for the purpose of purchasing two pieces of said property, lot No 6 I think was one and No. 8 (the homestead) there was a very large company at the sale, including a great many persons from the Country sale seemed to be fairly conducted in every respect, Witness bid on No 6 up to the limit ordered by the person who employed him to go there. the limit was $15 per acre said lot brought $20.72 went to the sale for the purpose of bidding as high as $45 per acre, and no higher as I considered that its full value I wanted for myself $34 per acre was my last bid Mr. Crook bid $40 per acre and got it, Witness was well pleased that he did not get it, had been up to see the property before the sale thinks it was on the 18th or 19th Oct. in company with John B. Frey, William Taggart and another gentleman whom I do not recollect our object being to purchase a portion of said property if it suited us we were induced by the advertisement to think it was something superb, Witness thinks the best place to sell this property was at the Exchange where it was sold.

Cross Ex. by Mr. McLaughlin. Witness never lived near the Withers property, and never was onits premises on the occasion of

his visit to the place to view it as above.

Dr. Jno. O'Neil, Sworn. Resides in Baltimore City attended the sale of the Withers property at the Exchange in Oct last, went for the purpose of bidding on said property to buy a portion of it, if it went low enough wanted the home property lot (No 8) and the lot adjoining it. if I thought there was any money in it, did not bid upon the lot No 8 because there was enough bidders there who carried it over my mark. had made up my mind to give 25 or $30 for it per acre, and no more, had been to see the property before the sale with a view of purchasing. I liked it I wanted a Country property and went there to see whether it suited me the property sold for more than I would give for it

Cross Examined by Mr McLaughlin, Witness has never been a farmer was raised on a farm, and lived in the Country, object was not medical practice, wanted to go there to live, did not intend removing to the Country for the purpose of retiring, Witness cannot swear to an intention, his purpose was to live there cant answer the question as to what amount he intended to invest in a farm, cant answer the question as to whether he intended practice at his profession if he went to the Country, has a family, expected by proper management to live with his family with what they have, never was on the Withers property except on the occasion when I went to look at the property. Witness and Wife had means to buy what property they went to look at.

Geo. Andrew B. Cross, sworn, was present at the Exchange at the sale of the Withers property by Mr. Bennett, there was present on that occasion as good a company to buy land as I ever saw assembled at said place many of them from the Country, Balt. York, Cumberland, Lancaster, and Carroll Counties being represented among men that I knew to be present for the purpose of buying land, examined by Mr McLaughlin, Mr. Crook purchaser of No 7 and 8 did so at my instance, Witness visited Mr. Crook on morning of sale, Mr Crook had never seen the property and on witnesses representation he bought both tracts and gave for them the outside price that I had advised him to give he had before spoken to witness to look out a place for him, have known the Country generally there over 25 years and own several hundred acres in the vicinity at present, Witness thinks the sales of all the tracts except the lot No 1 (switch property) brought fair prices and except the liberal terms would not have brought so much, understood after the sale that No 1 was not sold.

The Testimony of Mrs Cross so far as relates to the