the result and entire things were a little more settled
Question Was it expected as far as you heard in the course of last summer by any persons in your neighborhood that the struggle between the Confederate Armies and the Federal Armies would reach or approach in the course of the fall of last year towards the boundary line line of Pennsylvania and Maryland?
Answer. There was some such rumor that would be the dividing line. Land would not be of much value in the neighborhood it would not fetch much at sale at that time when they expected the facilities of travel to market, to be destroyed or cut off
Question. From the expressions of persons as I went out about the time that it was reported that Johnston and his army were approaching Frederick was it or not a subject of debate, of hope or of fear that the Confederate army would approach the Susquehanna River in the fall of 1861?
Answer. There was talk that he would approach the Potomac I never heard any such rumor about the Susquehanna
Question Do you remember at the time you heard of the blockading of the Lower Potomac whether it was not expected or debated that the Federal Army would be drove North of Maryland?
Answer. It was talked of that might have to retreat to the Pennsylvania line.
Question. Do you remember or not having heard it reported about that time as to whether the members of the Administration or any of them had secretly fled from Washington and gone to the North?
Answer. There was such a rumor that the President and one or two of his Cabinet had left and gone North.
Question. Did the reports assign any reason why the President and those of his Cabinet who were said to have gone North went?
Answer. The reason was they were not strong enough to maintain their residence at Washington
Question. If you had a farm in that neighborhood which under ordinary circumstances you would feel disposed to sell as a prudent man would you offer it at public sale in either September or October 1861 with the expectation of getting as much for it as you would if the rumor did not exist?
Answer No sir.
Question. Would you expect anything like near as much?
Answer. No sir. I would not expect it would fetch near as much.

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