troops out of Virginia or the Confederate Troops would be able to drive the Northern Troops over Maryland and across Masons & Devons Line?

Answer. The public may have conjectured this or that. There has been a good deal of excitement and anxiety kept up all the time as to the result of these things

Question. Has the public mind in your neighborhood been united or divided in reference to that question?

(Objected to by Defendants)

Answer. Pretty much of a tilt kept up – a difference of opinion consequently considerable excitement.

Question. Is the public mind yet relieved from that excitement?

Answer. By no means.

Question. From your own knowledge of the excited condition of the public mind would you offer for sale at any time from April 1861 until the present period real Estate in the neighborhood of Parkton Baltimore County with the expectation of getting as full or nearly as full a price for it as you would in 1860 or at present if the war never had existed?

(Objected to by Defendants)

Answer. I could not hope for such a thing.

Question. Do you remember when the members of the Legislature & the Police Commissioners of Baltimore City were arrested by the Government and if so, about what time & had it any effect on the public mind by the way of exciting it or otherwise?

(Objected to by Defendants)

Answer. Sometime during last summer or the commencement of the fall. I noticed in the public prints the arrest of some of the members of the Legislature with one of the clerks and also noticed the arrest of Marshall Kane and others of the City authorities which caused considerable commotion in the Country

Question. Were you present at the trial of Francis A. Crook against Charlotte Withers before Squire James Standiford & Thomas H. Robertson in getting her from the ground purchased by him from Adam Demmead as trustee?

Answer. I was

Question. Have you any knowledge of a trial between Francis A. Crook & Charlotte Withers and if so before whom did it take place and what was it in reference to (Objected to by Defendants)

Answer. There was a trial before said parties before Mr. Robertson and Mr. Standiford. It was in reference to the right to dispossess Mrs Withers from her house and premises.

Question. Was Mr. Demmead present at that trial and if so did he interfere by his actions or by his words with the parties there at the trial?

Answer. He was present. He interfered both by his actions & his words.

Question. What did he do and what did he say on that occasion?

Answer. I saw him ushering the jurors up to be sworn with his hands on the back of their shoulders, he said the party in possession Mrs. Withers could not stay there. I dont recollect seeing him do or hearing him say anything further. Mr. Crook came to me and told me that part of Mrs Withers goods should be placed in the barn, as it looked like rain and the evening was growing late and they might put them in the barn for convenience. Mr. Demmead came up and spoke to some gentleman in my presence and said the party would have to be put out. He enquired for Mr. Crook. I was shown one of the outhouses where Mr. Crook was. I saw him and Mr. Crook leave this house together have a conversation. Immediately after Mr. Crook told me and another gentleman Mr. Burke that no furniture could be placed in the Barn that if it was put anywhere they might put it in the cowsheds.

Question. Did you not say to the Commissioner while delivering your testimony that Mr. Crook was agreeing to allow Mrs Withers to remain until Monday or Tuesday?

(Objected to by Defendants)

Answer. I did.

Question. State what you were about to say in that connexion?

Answer. On learning those facts Mr. Demmead protested against it and said he wished to see Mr. Crook and asked for him and was shown into this house where he was and after this conversation already spoken of refused to let the parties remain or to have any further negotiation as to letting the parties remain until Monday or Tuesday the time spoken of until they could situate themselves with a home and also refused to let the furniture be placed in the barn as already promised ~~me~~ his ~~own~~ own offer.

Cross Examined for Defendants

Question. How old are you?

Answer. I am 45 going on 46.

Question. How long have you resided in Baltimore County?

Answer. Eleven or twelve years.

Question. How long have you lived on the place on which you now are?

Answer. Over five years

Question. Where did you live previous to that time?

Answer. In Texas Baltimore County

Question. Did you ever buy or sell any land in Balto. County?

Answer. No sir.

Question. Who owns the place on which you live?

Answer. My wife owns it she bought it from a Mr. Spencer of Pennsylvania in 1857 for $5000

Question. What kind of a house was on it at that time?