

The witness read as follows :

“COUNCIL CHAMBER,
“ *City of Demopolis, August 20, 1866.*

“SIR: At a meeting of the city council, held this day, I was instructed to notify you of the acceptance of your resignation upon the reasonable grounds set forth in your letter, (sickness;) to express to you the thanks of the council for the energy and ability with which you have administered the affairs of your office, and to assure you of their high regards and good wishes.

“I am, sir, your obedient servant,

“D. M. TALIAFERRO,
“ *Secretary.*

“Hon. W. B. JONES.”

I went to Virginia, and came back in the fall. In 1867 the constitution was submitted to this State for ratification.

Question. In 1868, was it not?

Answer. Yes, sir. It was adopted November, 1867, and submitted in 1868. I voted for that constitution as a republican, the first republican vote I cast here.

Question. Did you advocate its adoption in a public address?

Answer. I did, sir, advocate its adoption. I refer to this book again to show that I was after that re-elected to the office of mayor in this place, after the adoption of this constitution. [Referring to book.] In 1868 I was elected to the office of mayor again in this place, over E. A. Taylor, an elder of the Presbyterian Church. I beat him 45 votes. I had the honor and pleasure of beating a Protestant preacher first, and then an elder of the Presbyterian Church next.

By Mr. BUCKLEY :

Question. At what time was that second election?

Answer. It was an election that was called here. I do not know exactly when, but I can show you here.

Question. What year?

Answer. In 1868, I think it was, to the best of my knowledge; and I will show you here, if the chairman will allow me, what I did at that time to allay excitement in this town, as the mayor of this city.

The witness read as follows :

“MAYOR'S OFFICE, DEMOPOLIS, ALABAMA, *September 1, 1863.*

“*To the male citizens of the city of Demopolis between the ages of eighteen and fifty:*

“Whereas credible information has been received at the mayor's office of the city of Demopolis, that armed freedmen have been ordered into this city on Saturday, the 5th instant; and whereas like information has been received that the freedmen from Sumter and Greene Counties are coming into this city armed on Saturday, the 5th instant: Now, therefore, in consideration of the above, I, W. B. Jones, mayor of the city of Demopolis, by virtue of the power invested in me by ordinances of said city, section 8, do call upon every male citizen between the ages of eighteen and fifty to be prepared to suppress any riot or affray that may occur on Saturday, the 5th instant.

“W. B. JONES, *Mayor.*”

By the CHAIRMAN :

Question. In your two elections for the mayoralty of this city were you supported by democrats?

Answer. I was supported by both white and black.

Question. What position did you hold subsequent to being mayor?

Answer. I was elected, at the first general election of this State, State senator from this district.

Question. How long did you serve as senator?

Answer. I am still serving, sir.

Question. When will your term of service as senator expire?

Answer. I am unable to tell you; there are differences of opinion among the lawyers as to when it will terminate. It was thought that last year it ought to have terminated, and it is said that this year we shall draw for seats—draw lots. The constitution here can express that much better than I can.

Question. Are you a candidate at this time for any office?

Answer. Yes, sir; I have been up to this time.

Question. What office is that?

Answer. The sheriff of this county.

Question. Have you, as such candidate, had occasion to address public meetings in Marengo County?

Answer. Yes, sir.

Question. Have you been interfered with on such occasions?

Answer. I have, sir.