

A. I did not.

Q. Or words to that effect?

A. No, sir.

Q. Did you ever state to Cameron, or to any one else, that Surratt told you that the whole plan for the abduction of Lincoln was laid by Booth as an individual enterprise; that Booth furnished the funds, bought the horses, and spent in that way some four or six thousand dollars?

A. I did not.

Q. Did you ever say, without stating the amount of money, that the whole plan was a plan of Booth's?

A. I did not.

Q. Did you ever state to Cameron on that occasion, or on any other, or to any one else, that after making your affidavit in Liverpool, you had never communicated your conversations with Surratt to any one else but himself, the said Cameron?

A. I did not.

Q. Did you ever state to Cameron, or to any one else on that occasion, that Surratt told you the first knowledge that he had of his mother's peril was of her impending or immediate execution?

A. I remember the prisoner stating something about his mother; but whether I said, or he said to me, that the first he heard of her peril was pending the execution, I do not remember. I do not think anything of the kind was said. There was something said about her, but I could not say what it was.

Q. Don't you recollect saying to Cameron that Surratt told you he did not know anything of his mother's danger until about the time of her execution?

A. I do not think I did.

CHARLES H. M. WOOD, sworn and examined.

By Mr. PIERREPONT:

Q. What is your business?

A. I am a barber by trade.

Q. Have you been a barber in the city of Washington for some time?

A. Yes, sir; ever since I have been in the city.

Q. How many years?

A. Since December, 1862.

Q. Where was your barber shop in April, 1865?

A. I came here on a Saturday, about the first of September, 1862, and I engaged to go to work at Messrs. Booker & Stewart's barber shop, on E street, near Grover's theatre, next to the old Union building.

Q. In this city?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Are you working at the same shop now?

A. No, sir; I now have a barber shop under the Ebbitt House, near Fourteenth street. I am now in business for myself.

Q. Did you know Booth by sight before the assassination?

A. Very well, sir.

Q. Did you ever cut his hair?

A. I have, frequently.

Q. Did you ever shave him?

A. I have.

Q. You knew him well?

A. Very well, sir.

The prisoner at the bar was here requested to stand up, which he did.

Q. Have you ever seen that man (pointing to the prisoner at the bar) before?

A. I have.

- Q. On the morning of the assassination did you see him?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Where did you see him?
- A. I saw him at Mr. Booker's barber shop.
- Q. What did you do to him?
- A. I shaved him and dressed his hair.
- Q. Will you tell us who came into the shop with him, if anybody?
- A. Mr. Booth came in, there were four persons who came together.
- Q. Who were the four persons beside Booth and Surratt?
- A. A gentleman I take to be Mr. McLaughlin, they called him "Mac," and from his appearance; (I having since seen the picture of Mr. McLaughlin,) I should think it was him.
- Q. Did he tell you where he had come from that morning—McLaughlin?
- A. They were speaking of Baltimore; the conversation between them was in reference to some Baltimore—
- Q. Between whom?
- A. Between Mr. Booth, Mr. McLaughlin and Mr. Surratt, the other gentleman that was with them had nothing to say; he sat down nearly in the rear.
- Q. Did you ever see the other man afterwards?
- A. I never saw either of the parties afterwards except this gentleman (the prisoner.)
- Q. Who was the other man, do you know?
- A. I did not know him.
- Q. You may describe the man.
- A. He was a short thick-set man with a full round head; he had on dark clothes which we generally term rebel clothes, and a black slouched hat.
- Q. Did you cut Booth's hair that morning?
- A. I did; I trimmed his hair round and dressed it.
- Q. Won't you tell the jury what occurred between Booth and Surratt whilst you were trimming Booth's hair?
- A. There was nothing particular that occurred.
- Q. What was said?
- A. Whilst I was waiting on Mr. Booth, Mr. Surratt was sitting just in the rear of me; the thick-set man was sitting to the left of the looking glass, just in the rear of my chair. The glass was next to the wall, and Mr. Surratt was on the right side of the glass, the other one on the left hand. There were not any words particularly that I remember said or interchanged; but when I had got through waiting on Mr. Booth, he (Mr. Booth) got out of the chair and advanced toward the back part of the shop; Mr. McLaughlin was in that direction doing something about the glass. Mr. Surratt took my chair immediately on Mr. Booth's getting out. During the time that I was spreading my hair gown over him, and making other preparations for shaving him; this other young man, rather tall, with dark hair—I think not black but dark brown hair—rather good looking, with a moustache, was figuring before the glass; he had on a black frock coat, and putting his hand in his pocket he took out two black braids; one of the braids with curls he put on the back of his head, allowing the curls to hang down, he then took the other braid and put it on the front; it had curls also, and they hung on the side. When he had done this he said; "John, how does that look?"
- Q. Whom did he address as John?
- A. I do not know whether it was Mr. Surratt or Booth, but in making the remark, he said "John." I turned round and said, "he would make a pretty good looking woman, but he is rather tall." Says he, "Yes," in rather a jocular manner, laughing at the time. He seemed to look taller to me when he put on these curls than he did before, though I had not taken particular notice of him

before that. This time Mr. Surratt said to me: "Give me a nice shave and clean me up nicely; I am going away in a day or two."

Q. Will you state, when he said "Clean me up nicely," what his condition was as to being clean or not?

A. He seemed to be a little dusty, as though he had been travelling some little distance and wanted a little cleaning and dressing up, as I am frequently called upon by gentlemen coming in after a short travel.

Q. Did he say anything to you about Booth?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. What was that?

A. He asked me if I noticed that scar on Booth's neck. Says I, "Yes." Says he, "They say that is a boil, but it is not a boil; it was a pistol shot." I observed, "He must have gone a little too far to the front that time." This gentleman (Mr. Surratt) observed, "He like to have lost his head that time." I then went on and completed the shaving operation. I shaved him clean all round the face, with the exception of where his moustache was. He had a slight moustache at the time.

Q. What did you do with the hair?

A. After I was done shaving, I washed him off in the usual way, dressed his hair, and put on the usual tonics and pomade.

Q. Tell the jury about what time in the morning it was.

A. I think it was near about nine o'clock. I had had my breakfast.

Q. Where had you been that morning?

A. I had been up to Mr. Seward's, and had come down again.

Q. Where did you find Mr. Seward?

A. In his room, third story.

Q. Was he up or in bed?

A. He was up.

Q. Did you see any other gentlemen at Mr. Seward's that morning?

A. Yes, sir; I think I did.

Q. Whom did you see?

A. Mr. Stanton called. Mr. Seward was either on the bed, or on the chair by the bed, when I shaved him. I do not remember now exactly which.

Cross-examined by Mr. BRADLEY.

Q. Where did you commence to work after arriving in this city?

A. I commenced to work at Messrs. Booker & Stewart's, on E street.

Q. And continued to work there until you went to the Ebbitt House?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. You say this thing occurred at the shop of Messrs. Booker & Stewart, about nine o'clock in the morning?

A. I think it was about nine o'clock?

Q. And you had been up to Mr. Seward's and shaved him?

A. Yes, sir, and returned.

Q. Mr. Stanton was there?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Who else was in the shop at the same time, do you remember?

A. There were several hands at work there at the time.

Q. What sort of a looking man was McLaughlin?

A. The gentleman I have taken to be McLaughlin, they called him "Mac" in referring to him, was a man quite as tall as Mr. Surratt, I think near about the height of Mr. Surratt and Booth. They were all three nearly about one height. Perhaps he might have been a little the tallest.

Q. Was he a fine looking man?

A. Yes, sir; he was what I would term a very handsome man.

Q. Do you remember his hair at all?

A. It was very dark brown. I do not think it was black.

Q. Had he any beard on his face?

A. He had a moustache on, and, if I mistake not, an imperial; but I am not so sure about that. I am certain he had a moustache. I took more particular notice of his hair and his size. He had on a black frockcoat. I think he had a black silk hat, and light pantaloons.

Q. Do you remember how Mr. Surratt was dressed?

A. He had on, I think, as near as my memory serves me, rather light clothes, but I did not take particular notice of his clothes. As soon as he got into my chair, I took up my hair-gown and spread it all over his clothes, so that you could not see hardly anything except the tips of his pantaloons.

Q. You saw him while you were shaving Mr. Booth, did you not?

A. He came in with the rest of the party.

Q. Could not you distinguish him as well as you could distinguish McLaughlin and the other man?

A. If I had taken that much notice. I took more particular notice of his head and face.

Q. You had the same opportunity, however, to observe him as you had to observe Mr. McLaughlin?

A. As near as I can remember, the clothes he had on were rather light. I cannot remember the particular kind of clothes, whether woollen, linen, or cotton.

Q. Do you remember what sort of a hat he wore?

A. I did not take notice of his hat. Gentlemen generally come in there, take their seats on the side next the wall, and immediately hang their hats on the rack against the wall.

Q. You say he had no beard on his face?

A. No, sir; he had a slight mustache.

Q. No imperial, goatee, or anything on his chin?

A. No, sir.

Q. Do I understand you that you had never seen any of these men but Booth before that morning?

A. I knew Booth very well. I had seen him in Baltimore, and cut his hair when a boy.

Q. You had not seen the other three before that time?

A. No, sir; I do not think I had seen any of the others.

Q. And you have never seen them since, until you saw Mr. Surratt here?

A. I live on E street, just below here, and as I was going down to my dinner one day, passing this court-house, he was coming out with the jailor. I stood aside and looked. When I saw him I was utterly astounded. I instantly thought I recognized in him the gentleman I had shaved and waited on immediately after Mr. Booth, on the morning of the 14th of April. It made such an impression on my mind that I spoke of it.

Q. When was it you met and recognized him?

A. Last week, I think, Monday or Tuesday.

Q. Do you recollect whether there was anybody in the shop that morning?

A. The young man that worked in the chair back of me, I think, was in there. His name is Teebo; he is a small man. He is now working in Norfolk.

Q. Do you know whether there were any other customers?

A. Well, about that time we were very much pressed, and we all had about as much as we could do, there were so many strangers coming in. The shop being next to the paymaster's office, soldiers used to come in there in perfect droves.

Q. Particularly in the morning?

A. Yes, sir, generally pretty hard at work all day at that time.

Q. Was there anybody else there except yourself?

A. The man who worked next to me in the next chair, I think, was gone to breakfast about that time.

Q. Do you recollect about what time he went to breakfast ?

A. Some of us took our breakfast before we came to work. Others would be at the shop and work until we came and then go to breakfast.

Q. What time did that man go to his breakfast ?

A. Between 8 and 9 o'clock, along thereabout

Q. What was his name ?

A. Robert Burton, I think ; I am not sure about the first name.

Q. Where is he ?

A. He is there working at the same place.

Q. Is he not one of the proprietors ?

A. No, sir ; he was working on the first chair on the left hand as you enter the door.

CHARLES RAMSELL, sworn and examined.

By Mr. PIERREPONT :

Q. Where do you live ?

A. Boston, Massachusetts.

Q. Were you in the war ?

A. I was.

Q. What company and regiment ?

A. Company D, Third Massachusetts heavy artillery.

Q. What time in the year 1865 did your company come to Washington ?

A. They came here in '64 ; I do not remember exactly what time.

Q. About what time in the year ?

A. It was in May.

Q. How long did you remain here ?

A. Until September, '65, I think.

Q. Do you remember the day that the President was assassinated ?

A. I do.

Q. In the early morning of that day, won't you tell the jury what you did ?

A. I was in Washington the day of the assassination. The morning after I was not in the city. I came down from Fort Bunker Hill on that day.

Q. What time did you come from Fort Bunker Hill to Washington on the 14th ?

A. About 9 o'clock, I should think ; between 9 and 10.

Q. Tell the jury how far Fort Bunker Hill was from this court-house.

A. It was about four miles.

Q. In which direction ?

A. I could not tell in which direction, but it was on the Bladensburg road.

Q. Was it the turnpike road ?

A. I do not know whether it was the turnpike road ; it is the road that leads to Glenwood cemetery.

Q. Did you stay in Washington that night ?

A. I did.

Q. Where did you stay ?

A. In the early part of the evening I was at Canterbury Hall, a place of amusement ; and I stayed in the barracks of some company that was here at that time, during the night. It is a place called "Soldiers Home" or "Rest," or something of that kind, near the depot.

Q. In the early morning following the assassination what did you do ?

A. I went from here out to Fort Bunker Hill.

Q. Who went with you ?

A. A man by the name of Robert G. Staples.