

tary force used did not materially affect the final result as much as might have been expected, except in the First Congressional District (Eastern Shore), where it is perhaps doubtful if Mr. Creswell could have defeated Mr. J. W. Crisfield, his opponent. The complexion of the Legislature under these different conditions is a mere matter of guess work, for although it is nearly certain that the House of Delegates would have still been favorable to the call of a convention, yet the Senate remains an entirely uncertain quantity. It is hardly necessary to state that the above speculations refer only to the action in this election of the nominally loyal voters, large numbers of whom were opposed to the Unconditional Union platform. As said at the beginning, it is impossible accurately to estimate the sentiment at this time of the total population of the state.

In Baltimore City, the day of the election was very quiet. The saloons were all closed, and the military at the polls, under the immediate supervision of General E. B. Tyler, is said to have neither intimidated nor attempted to obstruct those who offered to vote.<sup>29</sup> The *American* of November 5 says: "Tickets of all kinds were in abundance at the polls, and all loyal men voted their sentiments freely, so far as the choice of candidates was concerned. . . . Mr. Maffitt, the representative of the slave-holding interest, was scarcely regarded as a candidate in the contest." The city police, as well as the soldiers on duty at the polls, were under strict orders to refrain from electioneering, and to preserve the peace in every way.

As stated above,<sup>30</sup> the main force of General Schenck's order seemed to be directed against the Eastern Shore. A force of infantry or cavalry was sent to each of the eight counties on that side of the bay, and detachments under command of subaltern officers were stationed at the various polls.<sup>31</sup> The following proclamation<sup>32</sup> was issued by Lieu-

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<sup>29</sup> See daily papers.

<sup>30</sup> Page 28.

<sup>31</sup> Report Senate Committee on Elections, Doc. "D", 1864.

<sup>32</sup> "Documents Accompanying Governor's Message," House and Senate Doc., 1864.