

REPORT.

The Committee on Elections and Privileges, on the part of the Senate of Maryland, to whom was referred so much of the message of the Governor as relates to military interference with the elections in Maryland, in November, 1863, beg leave to report that they have carefully read and considered the several documents and statements annexed to and accompanying said message, and which unmistakably present a sad and humiliating history of the scenes and occurrences which characterize the second, third and fourth days of November last.

Your committee have been impressed by the violence, illegal and unwarranted conduct and acts of persons engaged in the military service of the United States under the authority to pretended authority of military necessity; and that this report may be fully understood, your committee will briefly recapitulate some of the prominent facts as disclosed by the testimony of the Judges of election, certificates, in some instances, sustained by affidavit of respectable and well known citizens of several counties of the State.

It appears that on Monday, the second day of last November, Major General Schenck, at that time in command of the Middle Department 8th Army Corps, issued from Headquarters, General Order, No. 53, in words following: