

loyalty or hostility to the Government, shall refuse to require the oath of allegiance from such voter.

By order, MAJ. GEN. SCHENCK.

W. H. CHESEBOROUGH, *Lt. Col. and A. A. G.*

OFFICIAL, W. M. ESTE, *Maj. and Aid-de-Camp.*

That in pursuance of said order a large military force, consisting of cavalry and infantry, fully armed and equipped, were despatched throughout various counties of the State; into each and all of the eight counties of the Eastern Shore of the Chesapeake Bay, and in each of the said counties distributed under the command of subaltern officers throughout each of the several election district or precincts where the polls were to be held.

The existence of this "Order" was first brought to the notice of the Governor and the people of the State on Monday, the second day of November. The Governor on the same day issued his Proclamation to the citizens of Maryland, and which was as follows :

STATE OF MARYLAND, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

ANNAPOLIS, November 2d, 1863.

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR.

*To the Citizens of the State,*

*and more especially the Judges of Election:*

A Military Order, issued from the Head Quarters of the "Middle Department," bearing date the 27th ult., printed and circulated, as it is said, through the State, though never yet published here, and designed to operate on the approaching election, has just been brought to my attention, and is of such a character, and issued under such circumstances, as to demand notice at my hands.

This Order reciting, "that there are many evil disposed persons now at large in the State of Maryland, who have been engaged in rebellion against the lawful Government, or have given aid and comfort, or encouragement to others so engaged, or who do not recognize their allegiance to the United