

## Statement of Cyrus L. Jones,

JUDGE OF ELECTION IN TANGIER DISTRICT, SOMERSET COUNTY,

Of proceedings at Polls, Nov. 4, 1863.

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*The statement of Cyrus L. Jones relative to the proceedings at Deal's Island Polls, in Tangier Election District, in Somerset Co., Md., on the fourth day of November, 1863.*

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I am one of the Judges of Election—the chief judge. I arrived at the voting place above mentioned before the usual time of opening the polls, and found a Sergeant and six or eight cavalymen, fully armed. At nine o'clock, the time at which the polls usually open, I, with my brother Judges, took the oath prescribed by the laws of Maryland, and opened the polls. The Sergeant then advanced and said we would have to take the oath prescribed in Order No. 53 of General Schenck. "If you don't take it your election shall be void," were his words; and being under coercion, we took the oath prescribed in said Order, and the voting commenced.

In response to a question I asked him, the Sergeant pulled out of his pocket a yellow or Creswell ticket and said, "This is the only ticket that shall be voted to-day." I then mentioned that I had received the Proclamation of Gov. Bradford, which had that very morning reached me by express, and called his attention to it; the Sergeant said he "had nothing to do with the Governor's Proclamation," that his orders "were above that," and added that the orders of the Provost Marshal had to be obeyed that day. I said if the oath is to be administered