

with the President's Order accompanying it? Captain M. answered that he had, but he had his order from General Schenck and he should pay no attention to any other order than General Schenck's. Mr. Pinto, Judge of Election, was present at this conversation. Captain Moore said if the Judges refused to obey Order No. 53, he would arrest them and send them to Baltimore. We then went to the Court House. The soldiers were there: one squad at the Court House gate, two men at the door, one at the vestibule. Captain Moore and one other officer of lower grade stood just in front of the desk where the Judges sat, and where the polls were held. When the Judges had taken their seats, Mr. Pinto, Chief Judge, called upon me as Sheriff to protect the Judges. I asked him in what way he expected me to protect him, and said that I was in the hands of the community to discharge my duty in any way that I thought was required of me. Some one remarked, "Summon the bystanders," or something to that effect.

Then Mr. Isaac D. Jones remarked there was no need to do anything of that sort. If the military force were going to take the thing in hand, why, of course, we couldn't resist them. Mr. Pinto then said, "the polls are open." Mr. Wm. J. Brittingham then offered to vote. Capt. Moore challenged him, and handed the Order No. 53 to the Judges. He asked Mr. Brittingham if he was willing to take the oath prescribed in Order 53. Mr. Brittingham said he was. Capt. Moore asked him some other questions about his loyalty, but I don't remember the particulars. He told the Judges to swear Mr. Brittingham. Mr. Pinto hesitated, and told him it was a different way from the ordinary one of conducting elections, and asked him if he had seen the Governor's proclamation. Capt. Moore said he had, but was going to obey the Order 53. His orders were from Gen. Schenck, he said, and he was going to enforce them. Mr. Pinto then picked up the book to swear Mr. Brittingham; and then Mr. Brittingham remarked that if they had to be sworn, he had better swear a half dozen at a time, to save time. Capt. Moore said he would swear but one at a time. The oath was then administered to Mr. Brittingham, who then voted.— Then Mr. Arthur Crisfield offered to vote. Capt. Moore challenged him also, and asked him about his loyalty—if he was loyal to the government of the United States? Mr. C. said he was. Capt. M. asked him if he had ever taken up arms against the United States? Mr. C. said he had not. Captain Moore asked him if he didn't consider the rebellion an unholy war, (or something of that sort,) and if he did not think it ought to put down? Mr. Crisfield said, "he did." Captain M. then asked him if he would be willing to sacrifice his property,