

EXHIBIT A.

THE STATE OF MARYLAND, *Somerset county*, to wit:

TO THE HON. THOMAS A. SLENCE.

WHEREAS, the Hon John R. Franklin has applied to me as a Justice of the Peace of the said State, in and for the county aforesaid, to take the testimony of witnesses to be produced by him before me as such Justice, to testify in the matter of your contest of his election as Circuit Judge of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit of Maryland, at an election held on the 7th of November, 1865, I hereby notify and require you to attend in person or by attorney at Princess Anne, at my office, in the Fifth Election District in Somerset county, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the 9th, 10th and 11th of January, 1866, at 10 o'clock A. M.; on Saturday, the 13th of January, 1866, at the Peninsular Hotel in Salisbury, in said county, at 10 o'clock A. M.; on Monday and Tuesday, the 15th and 16th of January, 1866, at the house of Joseph Bralten, at Barren Creek Springs, at 10 o'clock A. M., and at the Hotel of James F. Adams, in Rehoboth in said county, on Thursday, the 18th, at 10 o'clock A. M., and cross-examine witnesses whose names are hereunto annexed, to be produced before me by the said John R. Franklin, in relation to the facts herein stated.

1st. To prove that the Officers of Registration in the several districts of Somerset county did not qualify by taking the oath required by law, the following witnesses will be examined, to wit:

Joseph A. Philips, Francis A. Hatton, Rider W. Wilson, Oliver P. Insley, Levin B. Price, Richard D. Wallace, David Shockley, William M. Duncan, Major A. Robinson, Jacob White, Nicholas H. Jones, Thomas S. Dougherty, C. B. Simondson, Francis A. Hall, Samuel Ford.

To prove that the Officers of Registration of said county gave no notice, as required by law, of the time, place and object of their meeting, the following witnesses are proposed to be examined:

Charles W. Fountain, David Tyler, Thomas S. Hodson, James W. Wilson, George W. Parsons.

That no list of qualified voters in the several districts of said county was filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for said county as required by law, the following witnesses are proposed to be examined:

Littleton Long, Jr., Isaac Gittens, Levin Woolford, David Tyler, Samuel Gittens.