

## NOTICE.

William Devecmon, Patrick  
Hammill, John McElfish,  
and William A. Brydon,  
Contestants.

vs.

Samuel M. Haller, Charles  
Gilpin, William R. Mc-  
Culley & Daniel C. Bruce,  
Respondents.

In a matter of contest of the  
election held on the 6th day  
of November, 1866, in Alle-  
gany county, Maryland, for  
Members of the House of Dele-  
gates.

*To Messrs. William Devecmon, Patrick Hammill, John McEl-  
fish and William A. Brydon, Contestants:*

You are hereby, respectfully notified that the undersigned respondents, to sustain the issues on their part joined in this case, will prove by competent testimony that every qualified voter in said Allegany county, offering and wishing to vote for you at the election held in November, 1866, was permitted to do so freely, and that the Judges of the Election, in the several Election Districts in said Allegany county, refused to receive the ballots of no person or persons, except such as refused to take the oath set forth in section 4, Article 1, of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, which said Judges of Election in their discretion saw fit to require them to take prior to receiving their ballots.

That the armed men spoken of in your testimony in this case, did not intimidate, or hinder any voter or voters from casting his, or their ballot for you, or either of you, and that said men had with them such ordinary weapons as are usually carried on public occasions in that section of the county; and that they made no offensive or hostile use of said weapons whatever, and that they intended to make no other use of them than to defend themselves from an armed attack which they were advised was to be made upon them and the loyal voters of District No. 10, in said county, by armed men from Virginia. on the election day in November last.

That the election, or polls in District No. 1, was held at the place advertised by the Sheriff of Allegany county, for it to be held.

That by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Maryland, none of those persons whose votes were rejected at the election on the 6th of November, 1866, by the Judges of election. were entitled to vote in Allegany county, Maryland.

That the Judges of the election in District No. 7, were intimidated and overawed, and made to receive illegal tickets with your names upon them.