

be for the adoption of said Constitution it should go into effect on the first day of November, eighteen hundred and sixty-four.

*And Whereas*, The elections as provided for were held in the said counties of the State and the city of Baltimore, and in the said military companies in the service of the United States.

*And Whereas*, The results of the said elections have been duly certified to me by the proper judges of the said several elections, and upon accurately counting and casting up the votes so returned to me for and against the said Constitution, including the soldiers' vote aforesaid, it doth appear that there were 30,174 ballots for the Constitution, 29,799 ballots against the Constitution, and that there were 61 blank ballots, and that there were thirty-three ballots reported as given against the Constitution, but not counted, the persons offering them refusing to take the oath required by said Constitution; and there being therefore, of the aggregate vote so cast, a majority in favor of the adoption of said Constitution—

Now, therefore, I, AUGUSTUS W. BRADFORD, Governor of the State of Maryland, in pursuance of the authority so vested in me by the said Act of Assembly and the Constitution aforesaid, do, by this my proclamation, declare and make known that the said Constitution and Form of Government so framed and adopted by the Convention aforesaid, has been adopted by a majority of the voters of the State, and that, in pursuance of the provision therein contained, the same will go into effect as the proper Constitution and Form of Government of this State, superseding the one now existing, on the first day of November next.



GIVEN under my hand and the great seal of the State of Maryland, at the city of Annapolis, on the 29th day of October, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and sixty-four.

A. W. BRADFORD.

By the Governor:

WM. B. HILL, *Secretary of State.*