

Councilmen; that we continued the polls open until 6 o'clock in the evening of the same day, when they were closed, the ballot-box opened, the ballots publicly counted, when it appeared that..... had .....votes as..... given under our hands at the place of said election, this..... day of..... attested by..... Clerk; a copy of the count as entered and endorsed on the books of the polls as hereinafter provided; shall at the close of said election, as soon as the count is closed and ascertained, be placed together with all the ballots cast at said election in the ballot-box by the Judges of Election and the ballot-box shall be locked and the key removed therefrom, and the ballot-box delivered to the Chief Judge of the Election and the key thereof to one of the other judges; whereupon the judges of election shall all write their names on a strip of paper of sufficient length for the following purpose; said slip of paper shall be pasted over the key hole of the ballot-box in such manner that the signature shall extend across the opening of the lid, and so that when the key is inserted, it will tear the paper so pasted over the key hole of the ballot-box, and such paper shall be securely fastened to the box with sealing wax or other adhesive material within one day after an election and on said election day, if practicable, the ballot-box and the key thereof shall be delivered to the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Washington County, who shall safely keep the same for the space of six months from the day of such delivery at which time said ballot-box shall be opened by said Clerk and said ballots destroyed; during which space of six months said ballot-box shall not be opened except when ordered by the Court in a judicial investigation or contested election; the presiding judges of election, except in case of inability to attend, shall, within one day after each election, under the penalty of five hundred dollars, meet, in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Washington County, with the books of the polls and the certificates aforesaid; the said judges so assembled shall cast up the whole vote of all the wards, and shall then make out a plain, fair and distinct statement and certificate of the number of votes which shall have been given for each candidate for each of the offices voted for at said election, and the same shall then be filed with the Clerk of said Court. The form of said certificate shall be as follows: To.....whereas an election for.....was held on the..... of.....in the year.....in the City of Hagerstown, and in the wards designated by number.....