

as the first of the three propositions in said order was instantly revoked, and a substitute ordered for same.

This proclamation of the Governor to the people of the State, vindicating the rights of the electors, and the solemn and sworn duties of the judges of election, under the Constitution and laws, was attempted to be suppressed by military authority or action, and was, to a great extent, successfully suppressed, as the Governor in his message states, "that before the following morning (Tuesday, the third day of November,) military orders was sent to the Eastern Shore, directing its circulation to be suppressed; the *public papers were forbidden to publish* it, and an *embargo* was laid upon all steamers in port trading with that part of the State, lest they might carry it."

On Tuesday preceding the day of election, the following order was issued by Lieut. Colonel C. C. Tevis, and circulated in two of the counties on the shore, to wit, Kent and Queen Anne's, and which in direct language too plainly and painfully discloses the true secret of military interference with the proposed or contemplated elections, and which order is as follows:

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HD. QRS. 3d MARYLAND CAVALRY,

Chestertown, Nov. 2d, 1863.

Whereas, the President of the United States, in reply to a letter addressed to him by Hon. Thomas Swann, of Baltimore city, has stated that all loyal qualified voters should have a right to vote, it therefore becomes every truly loyal citizen to avail himself of the present opportunity offered to place himself honorably upon the record or poll books at the approaching election, by giving a full and ardent support to the whole Government ticket, upon the platform adopted by the Union League Convention. None other is recognized by the Federal authorities as loyal or worthy of the support of any one who desires the peace and restoration of this Union.

[Signed]

CHARLES CARROLL TEVIS,

Lt. Colonel Commanding.

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On Monday preceding the election, under orders from military authority, by what prompted or by whom advised, or