

The committee have now discharged the duty imposed upon them. They have exhibited a faithful outline of the leading acts, as inevitable consequences of the unexpected and un-called-for military orders and proceedings of the past fall. They are entirely ignorant of a single well-founded fact to induce the belief that up to the time of the publication of the military orders embraced in this report, that the election campaign then progressing throughout the State was attended with the least sign of any contemplated or intended outbreak or violence of any sort. But that on the contrary there was much less animosity of party feeling and strife, and that in the main the contest was carried on by those who were the supporters and avowed friends of the Government, and which condition of things the presence of an unusual military force was more calculated to endanger than to promote and protect.

Your committee in conclusion submit the following resolutions:

J. B. RICAUD,
 GRAYSON EICHELBERGER,
 JOHN S. GIVEN,
 LEWIS P. FIREY,
 J. T. BRISCOE.

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That General Order, No. 53, issued by the Major General Commanding the 8th Army Corps, and dated Baltimore, Nov. 2nd, 1863, in pursuance of which large bodies of armed soldiers were stationed in the several counties of the State, who illegally and unjustly interfered with the freedom of the State election, and prevented the full expression of public opinion was uncalled for, unconstitutional and illegal, and meets our unqualified condemnation.

Resolved, That the suppression of the Proclamation of the Governor of the State, and the embargo laid upon the same to prevent its publication in the papers, and its circulation amongst the people was an act of unauthorized authority, illegal and unjust, and in utter disregard of the rights, duties and privileges solemnly guaranteed by the Constitution and laws of this State.