

LETTER FROM MAJOR GENERAL DIX,

TO

Judges of Election in Carroll County.

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HD. QRS., DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA,

*Baltimore, Md.*, Nov. 1st, 1861.

DANIEL ENGEL and WILLIAM ECKER,

Inspectors of Election, New Windsor :

GENTLEMEN:—I have received your letter of the 29th ultimo, asking me to issue a proclamation, authorizing you to administer to all persons of doubtful loyalty, who offer their votes at the approaching election, an oath to support the Constitution of the United States. If I had the power I would most cheerfully do so, for no one who is false to the Government ought to be allowed to vote: But the Constitution and laws of Maryland provide for the exercise of the elective franchise by regulations, with which I have no right to interfere. I have this day issued an order, of which I enclose a copy, to the United States Marshal and the Provost Marshal of Baltimore to arrest any persons who have been in arms in Virginia, if they appear at the polls and attempt to vote, as we are told some such persons intend, and to take into custody all who aid and abet them in their treasonable designs, and I have requested the Judges of Election, in case any such person presents himself at the polls and attempts to vote, to commit him until he can be taken into custody by the authority of the United States.