

Excellency may be enabled the better to take such action as your wisdom shall dictate in sustaining the laws of the State, and preserving inviolate the rights of her citizens. It is but proper to add what should have been stated elsewhere, that many qualified voters under the laws of our State, presented their votes, but they were not received, because they would not take the oath required by the military order—they regarding the enforcement of said order in violation of your Excellency's Proclamation, as well as of the Constitution and laws of our State. Numbers were deterred from even presenting their votes, as they knew they would not be received without the test-oath being first administered.

Had a fair election been allowed, we entertain no doubt that the result of the election would have been directly the reverse.

We appeal to you, as Governor of the State, that these wrongs be righted, as far as in your power lies, and confidently await your action in the matter.

November 11th, 1863.

[Signed]

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