

Statement of Citizens of Worcester County,

IN REGARD TO PROCEEDINGS AT

Election in the 9th Election District of said County.

To His Excellency A. W. BRADFORD,

Governor of Maryland.

We, citizens of the 9th election district, of Worcester County, in order that your Excellency may be informed as to how matters were conducted in this election district on Wednesday, the 4th inst., beg leave to submit the following facts: Before the polls were opened, a squad of military had arrived, and on the opening of the polls, a line was formed around the place of voting, and quiet and unoffending citizens were ordered outside of this line, and some of them while in the act of quietly reading military order No. 53, of General Schenck's, which was posted up against the ticket house—qualified voters, old residents of the County, upon presenting themselves for the purpose of voting, and upon asking that they might be allowed to take the oath required, in said order, were peremptorily ordered outside of said line and told that they should not be allowed to take the oath or vote, thus going beyond even the military order. Others of our qualified voters under the law of the State, were not only refused the *Privilege* of taking the oath and voting, but were threatened with arrest if they did not leave New Ark, the place of voting. Many persons were deterred from even offering their votes under