

such circumstances—men who were willing to take the oath required by the military order. All these things seemed to be done under the supervision of a prominent candidate on what was styled the Unconditional Union Ticket, a candidate under whose authority the military were not loth to act. The Proclamation of your Excellency was received by the Judges of Election, but from what has been already written, it will be seen, was entirely disregarded. Men, who were notoriously sympathizers with the South, were allowed to vote unchallenged if they held an Unconditional Union Ticket in their hand. Now it is perhaps well known to your Excellency that the Opposition Ticket was composed of men of unquestionable loyalty—men who from the beginning of this rebellion have been heart and soul with the National Government in its efforts to sustain itself against those seeking by force of arms to take its very life, and to trail its beloved flag—symbol both of Union and Liberty—in the dust.

Shall *Union men*, then, be treated with such indignities and outrages? Shall they thus be crushed? We confidently look to your Excellency, as Chief Magistrate of the State, to see that these wrongs shall be righted, the laws of the State be sustained, and the honor of a loyal State be kept untarnished.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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