

STATEMENT.

Dr. J. F. B. McMaster, about Election Proceedings in
Worcester Co.

New Town, Nov. 7th, 1863.

Gov. A. W. BRADFORD:

Dear Sir:

The outrages perpetrated on the Ballot Box in this County, on Wednesday last, has induced me to briefly inform you of the main facts, as they come under my knowledge. The order of Gen'l Schenck, No. 53, as modified by the President of the United States and your Proclamation to the people of Maryland, were both treated as a nullity by the Deputy Provost Marshal (Wm. Henderson) at the polls held in this district, No. 1, (Caston's) and the whole matter conducted as he saw proper. Loyal voters were arrested, without accusation, before they could vote, while other were not permitted to come to the ballot box, but were ordered, peremptorily, to leave the polls. In one case a voter, after he had taken the oath of allegiance, was ordered from the ballot box before his vote could be deposited, and the Judges of Election informed that if they took his ballot that they would be arrested, and the Military would act as Judges, which threat intimidated them, and the ballot was not taken. The action in this case prevented a number from voting, the people saying, that if they could not vote after they had taken the oath of allegiance, that they would retire, which