

they did, and, in consequence, only about a two-third vote was cast in this district. At other polls in the County, similar outrages were committed, and even greater ones, all of which will be presented to you in a few days. I have thought it my duty to inform you of these facts, and to *enter my earnest protest* against the legality of the election thus held.

I have the honor to be,

Your obd't srv't,

JOHN T. B. McMASTER.

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

New Town, Nov. 11th 1868

Gen. A. W. Bradford

Dear Sir:

The outrages perpetrated on the Ballot Box in this County on Wednesday last, has induced me to desire to inform you of the main facts, as they come under my knowledge. The order of Genl. Schenck, No. 53, as notified by the President of the United States and your Proclamation to the people of this land were both treated as a nullity by the Deputy Forest Marshal (Wm. Henderson) at the polls held in this district No. 1 (Gaston) and the whole matter conducted as he saw proper. Loyal voters were arrested, without accusation, before they could vote, while others 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 not 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