

and Mr. Henderson said that he had received orders from Snow Hill that no open and avowed rebel should vote at the polls. I said to Mr. Henderson, what do you do with the Governor's Proclamation and the President's revokal of a portion of the military order, and he said that he did not regard them as they did not come official ; well, said I, the military order will allow him to vote if the said Davis will take the oath ; his reply was go away Tom, I will not be dictated to, and he seemed to be some out of temper, and I went off and said no more. Thinking that this will give you some idea of the election in the First Election District, with other documents that you will receive, I close by signing my solemn protest to all such abuse of our State laws and Constitution.

Your obedient servant

THOS. MASON,

A Union man of the First Election Eistrict of
Worcester county, Maryland.