

S. C. SEABREASE'S

Statement about Election in Worcester Co.

Salisbury, November 11th, 1863.

To His Excellency,

GOVERNOR BRADFORD:

SIR:—On November 4th, 1863, I was present at the polls in the Fifth Election District of Worcester County, and was also a candidate on the Union ticket of said County for Commissioner. Early in the morning the polls were in the possession of the military, who challenged all voters who did not present yellow tickets, and all who offered a white ticket were challenged, and in a number of instances, those who are known to be staunch Union men were not allowed to vote, although willing to take the oath, because they were desirous of voting for the Hon. J. W. Cresfield for Congress, and the true Union men for County officers. Finding this to be the case, I did not offer my vote. I was present at Anther's District, and the same thing was enacted there. Lieutenant Wallis, with his men, challenged good Union men's votes. In fact, the parties would not regard your Proclamation, and for one I consider the entire election a fraud; and the course pursued, if not properly rebuked, will redound to the injury of the Union cause in this County. If required, will send you affidavits of these facts.

I am, respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

S. C. SEABREASE.