

# STATEMENT.

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## J. D. JONES AND OTHERS.

OF PROCEEDINGS AT POLLS IN

Princess Ann, Somerset County, Nov. 4th, 1863.

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*A Statement of the proceedings which led to the interruption and arrest of of the Election at Princess Ann, in Somerset County, on Wednesday, 4th of November, 1863.*

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I arrived in Princess Ann about 9 o'clock A. M., on the morning of this day, and saw a detachment of about twenty armed cavalry men in front of Twilleg's Hotel. I observed a cavalry officer, whom I afterwards learned to be Captain Moore, of the 3d Maryland Cavalry, standing in front of Wilson's Hotel, with perhaps a dozen persons standing near. As I approached, I heard Mr. John V. Pinto, one of the Judges of Election (who was standing immediately in front of the officer), reading aloud from a large printed handbill, the oath to be taken by voters under Gen'l Schenck's Order No. 53. Upon Mr. Pinto's having finished reading the oath, an inquiry was made by some of the officers if he had seen the Proclamation of Governor Bradford and the President's Order, modifying Gen'l Schenck's Order No. 53. He replied, "I have seen them, but they were not officially communicated to me, and I cannot recognize them." He stated that his orders came from the Major of his regiment—that if the President's Order had been officially notified to