

our town on the evening of the 3d inst., protesting against the order of Gen'l Schenck. But how were our most painful apprehensions more than realized when we found our town visited on the morning of the election by a company of armed soldiery for the express purpose of controlling, governing and determining the character of the election—in other words, deciding the eligibility of every voter. The order of incidents in connection with this proceeding was as follows: In the first place, the Judges of the Election were summoned before the commander of this military force in front of Washington Hotel. Then they were informed by him that he and his company were there for the purpose of carrying out the order of Gen'l Schenck and that he should do it literally at all hazards. When reminded of the Proclamation of Gov. Bradford and the President's modification of the order No. 53, his reply was that no such Proclamation or modification had come to him officially, and, of course, he could pay no regard to them. Then when the Judges repaired to the Court House, the place of voting, a military force was placed around the entire building and some half dozen or more armed men at the door and inside of the house. And then when the Judges of Election had been sworn in by a magistrate and taken the oath prescribed by the statute of Maryland and taken their seats, the Captain of this military force took his position in front of the ballot box for the purpose of challenging and determining who should vote. At this stage of the proceedings no one seemed willing to vote, but after considerable discussion between the Judges and this military officer upon the remarkable nature of this proceeding, Wm. J. Brittingham, Esq., came up to the polls and offered to vote. His vote was challenged by this military officer, and it was not until after the oath prescribed by Gen'l S. was administered that the vote was deposited. Then came Arthur Crisfield, Esq., son of Hon. J. W. Crisfield, and offered to vote. Mr. Crisfield was then put through a most minute examination by this Captain as to his views of the rebellion, the method of suppressing it, as to the character of his loyalty, &c., &c. At this point the Judges of the Election informed