

and challenge and object to every man's vote unless he offered a yellow colored ticket." This was strictly carried out by the military until 2 o'clock, P. M., when they were relieved from the duty of challenging, and three of the most worthless men in our town, two of whom were drunk, were assigned this duty in their place. When a voter approached with a white ticket, these men endeavored to intimidate him with threats, declaring that he should not come to the polls, and if he did, his ticket should not go into the ballot box, and sworn at by them until compelled to leave in disgust.

Old men of seventy years—the most influential citizens of our town—men whose loyalty has been beyond suspicion, were deterred from casting their votes by the above proceedings, and whenever any one with a white ticket was fortunate enough to get it in the Judge's hand, it was by him opened and examined, and in several cases the votes were not deposited by them, nor the oath administered to the party, although he desired it. This course was sanctioned by the Chief Judge, who administered the oath to and judged of the fitness of each man to that privilege, whilst he was a candidate on one of the tickets for a Judge of the Orphan's Court.

Our Provost Marshal—who, by the way, is a man of no standing in the community—placed in office, I honestly believe, and retained there by certain men for the sole purpose of carrying out their own notions, is the cause of all this trouble. He has not hesitated to say, when under the influence of liquor, that he would carry the Emancipation ticket in Somerset, if it must be done at the point of the bayonet. He habitually insults and abuses, in the *most shameful manner*, peaceable citizens, for no other reason but that they differed with him in opinion. Upon one occasion he closed the Bank in this place because he had a quarrel with one of its officers—upon another, exulting that he had turned the Postmaster out of one office, and would turn him out of another, i. e., his present one, because he would not frank all his correspondence—and committing other acts of petty tyranny in such numbers as to render himself an object of universal contempt and detestation.