

PROTEST OF SYDNEY C. LONG,
REGISTER OF WILLS, SOMERSET COUNTY.

Princess Anne, Somerset Co., Md., Nov. 12th, 1863.

To His Excellency,

HON. AUGUSTUS W. BRADFORD,

Governor of Maryland:

Sydney C. Long, Register of Wills for Somerset county, and a candidate for re-election at the late election, a native and resident of Princess Anne Election District, and for the last seventeen years a qualified voter in said district, being now, as always, a loyal citizen, ever keeping inviolate the oft-taken oath to support the Union, the Constitution, and the laws of his country, and holding in utter horror the lawless defiance of the rights of free citizens of Maryland as practised at the so-called election held on the 4th inst., prays your Excellency the privilege of placing on record this, his solemn protest and remonstrance, against the recognition by your Excellency of said pretended election, deeming it an outrageous contempt of the rights of suffrage, and a despicable trampling upon the rights of freemen, and for the following, among other reasons, to wit;

First. Because the peaceable and quiet citizens of Somerset county were intimidated from approaching the polls, by the repeated threats of the Deputy Provost Marshals of said county, their aiders and abettors, for days and weeks prior to the election, that they intended to have a military force to guard the polls, and that no one should be allowed to vote for the Hon. John W. Crisfield for Congress, and that they should nominate a ticket for county officers, and elect it by said military force.