

*Second.* Because, when the polls were opened on election day in Somerset County, and some time before, said polls and every approach thereto, were surrounded and taken possession of by a numerous military force of cavalry, armed and equipped with carbines, pistols and sabres, contrary to the public law of Maryland, thus effectually deterring citizens from offering their votes.

*Third.* Because at said polls, a test oath, ordered by General Schenck, and known as General Order No. 53, was prescribed for persons offering to vote, contrary to the laws of this State, and in direct violation of her Constitution and the 5th and 27th articles of the Bill of Rights, which this remonstrant, however, was willing to take for the sake of peace.

*Fourth.* Because, at the polls at Princess Anne Election District, a true and loyal citizen, (Mr. Arthur Crisfield) after signifying his willingness to take said oath, was specially and at length interrogated by one Capt. Moore, in command of a squad of military as aforesaid, in defiance of all law and usage, and on the Judges of Election demurring to such proceedings in a respectful manner, said vote was not taken, and they were immediately put under arrest, and taken off by a military escort for Head-Quarters; and the election thus summarily and arbitrarily stopped to the outrageous disfranchisement of every voter (being near 400) within the district, save one, who had voted under the oath.

*Fifth.* Because said military proceeding was not uniform in the county, and at many of the polls men who were known to be disloyal were allowed and encouraged to vote, without any oath being required, thus creating a preference in their favor over loyal voters.

*Sixth.* Because, by such proceedings on the part of the military authorities, a stigma has been cast on the fair fame of Somerset, in the election (if it be) of men, nearly every one of whom is a Secessionist or Southern sympathiser, some of whom have been in the South aiding her cause, and two of them been in military duress for alleged treasonable practices.

And lastly, in his own, and in the name of a large number of the people of Somerset County, the undersigned protests against the recognition of said election by your Excellency, in