

a further manner because for the reasons above alleged, it was not *free or fair*; fully one-half of the voters of the county were not allowed to exercise this sacred right, by reason of an armed soldierly guarding the polls, and that therefore said election so-called, was not an election by the people, and being null and void, should not be recognized by your Excellency. Hoping these views may meet your Excellency's approbation,

I have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's humble servant,

SYDNEY C. LONG,

*Register of Wills, Somerset Co.*