

STATEMENT.

Charles Cole, Frederick.

Frederick, Md., Nov. 6th, 1863.

To His Excellency, A. W. BRADFORD,
Governor of Maryland:

My Dear Sir:—Every honorable man in this community, having a knowledge of the outrageous frauds perpetrated at the election in this city on Wednesday last, with whom I have conversed upon the subject, concurs with me that proper representations concerning them should be made to your Excellency, in order that the commissions of those who may seem to be elected by the returns, may be withheld, if it be in your power to do so. All those to whom I refer, believe you would be perfectly justifiable in refusing to commission men who obtained a majority of the votes by fraudulent means.

Enclosed is a certificate from Lewis F. Wachter, a highly respectable farmer of Frederick Election District, showing how he was treated on election day, and compelled to vote against his sentiments. I saw that man pushed from the voting place and kicked at as he was descending the steps leading into the Court House, where the polls were held, and after he had retired a short distance, I saw the same soldier who kicked at him, seize him by the arm, thrust an "Unconditional Ticket" into his hand, and with the assistance of another soldier, compel him to return and vote the ticket which had been placed in his hand!

I saw men, who I knew to be legal voters, refused their votes, because they would not take the oath prescribed by General