

They were placed in a carriage and left the town guarded by five armed cavalry, for Baltimore as it was said at the time. They returned to the village sometime the following morning, having been released, as I understood, by order of General Lockwood. The Judges of Election were on the bench just twelve minutes. There was no vote cast except that of Mr. Brittingham. I desire to state that this statement is a general statement of what took place—in substance, however, it is correct.

Ques.—State what you know in regard to the arrival and presence of soldiers at other precincts in the county on the election day or shortly before.

Ans.—On Monday preceding the election I was at the town of Salisbury, which is the terminus of the railroad, and lies partly in Somerset and partly in Worcester counties. It was on what we call “a Fair day,” on which great numbers of persons from the surrounding country visit the place. In the afternoon while I was addressing the people the cars arrived, bringing two companies, as I understood, of infantry, they marched through the street, and when they got near to the stand at which I was speaking, they halted and hurrahed for my competitor for Congress. I understood they numbered something like two hundred. They were troops that had enlisted originally, as I was informed, in these two counties. I, however, proceeded with the speech, and about the time I concluded another train arrived, bringing a large number of cavalry, four hundred in number, as Captain Moore, one of their officers, afterwards told me.

Immediately upon the arrival of the latter train, Order No. 53, from General Schenck, was published in the village, and it was understood on all hands that these cavalry were there to execute this order. Consternation and fear seized upon all, and the people began immediately to disperse from the village. The following day, being Tuesday, is the public day in Somerset, and about two o'clock, when Princess Anne—the county seat—was thronged with people from the various parts of the county, about one hundred of these same cavalry were marched in and through the village of Princess Anne, and camped a short distance south of the town. The alarm and excitement in the village I have never seen exceeded.

Later in the afternoon I had an interview with Capt. Moore, commanding these forces at that place, and he informed me that they were there for the purpose of executing Order No. 53, and that he should distribute his forces in the several election precincts in that part of the county lying south of Wicomico river. He further told me that he should not allow any