

a hearty and willing obedience to the said Constitution and Government, and will not, either directly or indirectly, do any act in hostility to the same, either by taking up arms against them, or aiding, abetting, or countenancing those in arms against them; that, without permission from the lawful authority, I will have no communication, direct or indirect, with the States in insurrection against the United States, or with either of them, or with any person or persons within said insurrectionary States, and that I will in all things deport myself as a good and loyal citizen of the United States. This I do in good faith, with full determination, pledge and purpose to keep this, my sworn obligation, and without any mental reservation or evasion whatsoever.

III. Provost Marshals and other military officers are directed to report to these head-quarters any Judge of an election who shall refuse his aid in carrying out this order, or who, on challenge of a vote being made on the ground of disloyalty or hostility to the Government, shall refuse to require the oath of allegiance from such voter.

By order,

MAJ. GEN. SCHENCK.

W. H. CHESEBOUGH, *Lt. Col. and A. A. G.*

OFFICIAL, W. M. ESTE, *Maj. and Aid-de-Camp.*

February 11th, 1864.

Committee met. Present—Messrs. Tyson, chairman, Westcott, Hitchcock, Herbert.

Mr. Crisfield called up.

Ques.—Mr. Hagner. What is the usual vote of Princess Anne district?

Ans.—An average vote would be about 350.

Ques.—Why were the polls not opened at 9 o'clock?

Ans.—It was about 9 o'clock when the Judges were met in the street by Capt. Moore, as I have described in my answer to the first question. I supposed the Judges were at that time on their way to the polls. From that time up to the time of the actual opening, was occupied in the conversations, by the reading of the Governor's proclamation, and Order No. 53, the swearing in of the Judges and their Clerks, as already described in said answer. I think it wanted six minutes to ten when this was through, and the polls actually opened.

Ques.—Mr. Hagner. What was the character of Arthur Crisfield's answers to Captain Moore's questions as to loyalty?

Ans.—I think those answers showed him to be entirely loyal.