

fused to conduct the election in accordance with the orders of said General Schenck.

This act of illegal and violent interference with the election, meets with the unqualified condemnation of the undersigned, as an act of gross usurpation and wrong; but they cannot understand why this closing of one precinct out of fifteen in the county, should invalidate the whole election, unless it could be also shown that the closing of said polls defeated the choice of the voters of said county, which the testimony by no means sustains.

At a majority of the other precincts, there was more or less of military interference, appearing mainly to be designed to impair the vote of Mr. Crisfield, and to promote the election of Mr. Creswell, opposing candidates for Congress, without aiming especially at any other candidate, except by one John W. Davis, Provost Marshal at Tyaskin precinct, who was willing that any voter should vote for whom he pleased, provided the voter would vote or promise to vote for him for Sheriff. But he does not seem to have received many votes; nor does it appear that many, if any, voters were excluded from the polls at that precinct. At some of the precincts, there was little or no interference.

Upon summing up the testimony in regard to the military interference with the election, and its effects upon the voters, it is evident to the minds of the undersigned, that more persons were kept from the polls, who would have voted for the returned clerk and register, than would have voted for the contesting candidates. Many democrats did not attend the polls on the ground, that the military had been or would be sent to the county, at the instance of men of the Union party, and that they, the democrats, as had been the case before, in almost every part of the State, would not be allowed to vote. This impression appearing from the proof to be general, the undersigned are clearly convinced, that more democratic voters were kept from the polls, than voters of the Union party. In consequence of this impression, and the actual military interference at the polls, the undersigned, are satisfied beyond reasonable doubt, that Levin Woolford, the democratic candidate for Clerk, and John J. Dashiell, the democratic candidate for Register of Wills, lost more votes, than did the contesting candidates, Cadmus Dashiell for Clerk, and S. C. Long, for Register. They are convinced therefore, that the result, if there had been no military or other interference, would have been the same, except that Levin Woolford and J. J. Dashiell, would have been elected by increased majorities.