

The eyes and ears were taken upon the adoption of the resolutions, and it was defeated by a vote of more than two to one. The new Constitution was submitted to voters who were not qualified to vote under the existing one, and among those voting with the majority were Ex-President Madison, Chief Justice Marshall, Chapman Johnson, Philip P. Barbour, and others of scarcely inferior celebrity.

Now, my dear Sir, whatever opinion you may still entertain of the proceeding of our Convention, I hope and think, that with such a precedent before us, you will no longer press me to interpose the Executive arm to arrest it, upon the ground of its being a palpable violation of constitutional rights, "having no parallel in our State or any other."

In regard to the query propounded by one of your Judges of Election, and mentioned in your postscript, as to whether I would refuse to count the votes of a district where the Judges did not certify that the oaths required by the Convention had been administered, I would say, what you are, of course, aware of, that by another clause in the Constitution proposed, I am expressly enjoined not to count such votes. That for the reasons already given, I hold myself bound by that requirement, and were I to disregard it, it would be as effectually to annul the action of the Convention, as if I had acceded to your request, and directed the Judges of Election not to administer the oath required.

With sincere respect,
I am, Yours &c

A. W. Bradford

State's Attorney's Office
Annapolis Md. October 8th 1864

To His Excellency
A. W. Bradford, Gov. of Md.
Sir.

On the 14th Inst. I addressed your Excellency a communication upon the subject of what I considered an illegal seizure by the U.S. Marshal for the District of Md. of the Schooner "Margaret" of Philadelphia, condemned under the laws of Maryland to be sold for a violation of the oyster laws of this State; said vessel being at the time of seizure in the custody of the legal and proper authorities of this County.

I again report to your Excellency that the Schooner "Josephine" also of Philadelphia, condemned to be sold by Justice Owen M. Taylor for a similar violation of law, has been taken from the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County under a writ of Replevin issued out of the U.S. Court for the District of Maryland.

Respect for the laws of Maryland, and a desire to see the officers of the County and State protected in the faithful discharge of their sworn duty, and to see those laws vindicated, prompt me to make this communication to your Excellency.

I am, very Resp^y. Your Obedt. Servt.

Gas. Revell States Atty. for A. A. Co.