

STATEMENT.

Hon. J. W. Crisfield, about Election in
SOMERSET,

And protesting against the issue of Commissions, &c.

Princess Anne, Nov. 6, 1863.

To His Excellency, A. W. BRADFORD,

Governor of Maryland.

SIR:—My letter of the 4th inst. informed you in general terms of the arrest of our Judges of Election, by the Military forces of the U. S., and of the outrages which marked the attempt to hold the election on that day. I now enclose statements made by the most reliable gentlemen, who were eye witnesses of the scenes they describe. I invite your most serious attention to these details. There never was a grosser or more flagrant violation of the rights of the citizen, or a greater indignity offered to the State.

I will not assume to suggest what should be done. I am well assured that your wisdom, patriotism and devotion to the honor and interests of Maryland, are equal to the occasion; and that you will promptly adopt such measures, as are demanded for the dignity of the State, and your own honor.

The Judges were released on their arrival at Salisbury, and have returned home, as you will see by their statement enclosed. In the Election returns they have formally stated the facts, and made it a matter of record.

Proceedings equally outrageous marked the day in Worcester, of which the evidence in detail will be laid before you. I presume the same scenes were reproduced in each County on the Shore.