

## J. H. Tarr's Statement about Election.

Salisbury, Nov. 12th, 1863.

To His Excellency, A. W. BRADFORD,  
Governor of Maryland :

SIR:—Having been called upon to state the condition of affairs at our polls on the 4th inst., I do so most cheerfully. When I approached the window to deposit my ballot, it being on white paper, and also knowing I was favorable to the election of Hon. J. W. Crisfield for Congress, L. D. Collier, Dep. Pro. Marshal, challenged my vote. I enquired upon what ground, he answered I was a Copperhead, and no damned Copperhead should vote that day. He referred me to General Schenck's order, I produced your able and ever to be respected Proclamation, and read it aloud to the Judges, *one of whom was a candidate for Judge of the Orphans' Court*, his reply was damn the Proclamation; I then requested him to define loyalty, stating at the same time I would affirm to the condition of the oath as prescribed—this was refused, and I was ordered away from the polls. I left without voting.

Shortly afterwards, General Lockwood called on me and enquired why I was hanging about the polls, I replied such was not the case; he said he had been informed that I had refused to take the oath; my reply was his information was false. He advised me to refrain from going near the polls. I thanked him for his kindness and complied with his suggestion.

Had my ticket been printed on yellow paper, my vote would have never been challenged.

From the first outbreak to the present moment I have been for the Union, and am still for the Union. I voted for you and