

OATH

TO BE ADMINISTERED TO EVERY VOTER.

"I do swear (or affirm) that I am a citizen of the United States, that I have never given any aid, countenance or support to those in armed hostility to the United States, that I have never expressed a desire for the triumph of said Enemies over the Arms of the United States, and that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the United States, and support the Constitution and Laws thereof, as the Supreme Law of the land, any Law or Ordinance of any State to the contrary notwithstanding; that I will in all respects demean myself as a Loyal citizen of the United States, and I make this oath (or affirmation) without any reservation or evasion, and believe it to binding on me."

QUESTIONS

For the use of Judges of Election

1. Service in the Rebel Army.

Have you ever served in the rebel army?

2. Aid to those in Armed Rebellion.

Have you ever given aid to those in rebellion?

Have you never given money to those intending to join the rebellion?

Have you never given money to their agents?

Have you never given money, clothing or provisions for the purpose of aiding the emigration of persons from this State to the South?

Have you never sent money, clothing or provisions to persons in the South since the rebellion?

3. Comfort and Encouragement to Rebellion.

NOTE—Comfort or encouragement means advocacy, advice in favor of. We aid the rebellion by giving money, clothing and provisions; we give it comfort and encouragement by our words. A man who has advocated the cause of rebellion, who talked in favor of Maryland going with the South, who rejoiced over the victories of the rebel armies, has given comfort and encouragement to the rebellion.

Have you ever given comfort or encouragement to the rebellion?

Have you never in conversation, attempted to justify the course of the States in rebellion?

Have you never expressed a wish for the success of the rebellion or its army?

Have you never in conversation, discouraged the cause of the Federal Government?

Did you rejoice over the downfall of Fort Sumpter?

4. Disloyalty.

NOTE—If the Judges are satisfied that a man is disloyal to the United States; it is their duty to refuse his vote, for such a person is not a "legal voter" of the State of Maryland.

Are you a loyal citizen of the United States?

Have you been loyal ever since the beginning of the war?

Have you ever rejoiced over the defeat of the Union army?

Have you ever rejoiced over the success of the rebel army?

When the Union army and the rebel army meet in battle, which do you wish to gain the victory.

NOTE—After interrogating the person offering to vote, the Judges may hear other evidence to prove or disprove his statements, and must be governed by the weight of testimony.