

Since Mr. Thompson has begun the issuing of warrants, on the oaths of colored people, considerable discussion has taken place in this community, and Mr. Thompson informed me he has been threatened and is fearful of violence. The disaffection seems to have culminated in this case and Mr. Thompson relies on the United States Government to protect him in the fearless discharge of his duty.

I respectfully request, in view of the facts above set forth, that a sufficient military force be sent here to make these arrests and protect the judiciary of the State against lawless violence.

I also desire to be instructed as to what steps to take with constable Baldwin. I expect to go to Calvert county next Monday to investigate certain complaints in that section and may not return before Thursday.

I am, sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed.)

W. L. VAN DERLIP,  
*Brevet Major Superintendent.*

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#### GENERAL HOWARD'S ENDORSEMENT.

“WAR DEPARTMENT, BUREAU R., F. & A. L.

*Washington, July 26, 1866.*

*Respectfully referred to His Excellency, GOVERNOR SWANN.*

I have had a conversation with General Grant with regard to this case, and we both agreed that if there is a possibility of justice being secured without military interference, that it is better that such interference should not take place.

If the officials are so paralysed by a wrong public sentiment that they cannot exercise their trust, and make requisition for aid, it will be furnished. Please, Dear Sir, see if something cannot be done to sustain the Magistrate.

[Signed] O. O. HOWARD:

Major Genl., Commissioner.