

In this connection, please see the Act of Congress, approved February 13th, 1862, as promulgated in General Orders No. 15, series of 1862, from this office.

I have the honor to remain sir,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

THOS. M. VINCENT,

Asst. Adjt. Genl.

A. W. BRADFORD,

A. G. CURTIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, Aug. 1st, 1864.

His Excellency, Governor of Pennsylvania,  
Philadelphia, Pa.  
Sir:—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the joint letter from the Governor of Pennsylvania dated July 21st, 1864, in relation to the force in your respective States for home or local defense, and for the purpose of the Potomac. In reply I am directed by the Secretary of War to inform you that the proposition has been fully considered, and that the authority asked for cannot be granted.