

1862

July 7<sup>th</sup>

Legion

The Governor issued sundry Commissions to officers of the Powell

July 9<sup>th</sup>

The Governor issued his warrant directed to the Sheriff of Calvert County for the execution of Bill Ferguson - a slave - on Friday the fifth day of September 1862. Convicted at May term 1862 of the Circuit Court for Calvert County of Murder in the first degree and sentenced to be hung. See Pardow record page 346.

July 16<sup>th</sup>

The Governor commissioned the following officers of the First Light Division of Maryland Volunteers  
Sheppard C. Leakin Major General  
William H. Stansbury Colonel 2<sup>nd</sup> Light Brigade.

State of Maryland,

Executive Chamber,

Annapolis, July 17 1862.



and forwarded a copy to each

An anxiety to secure the promptest possible response on the part of our State to the recent call for additional volunteers - an anxiety that I trust and believe is fully shared by all the loyal of my fellow-citizens, and as fully justified by the importance of the subject and the vast interests we have involved in it - suggests the necessity for the adoption of some means that may effectually aid the efforts of the officers engaged in the recruiting service.

I am requested by the Government to raise, with as little delay as practicable, FOUR Regiments of Infantry as a part of the quota of Maryland under the call referred to. These Regiments can undoubtedly be raised, but to enable us to do so with the utmost possible dispatch - a consideration at present so important - it is manifest that the work must be stimulated by something more than the ordinary efforts of the recruiting officer.

Even in those States where such Volunteers have been most liberally provided for by the State and Municipal authorities, the advantage and importance of individual exertion is everywhere recognized, and such exertion is absolutely indispensable with us, where no public appropriation of any kind has been made, and where we are left to meet the crisis and supply all that the occasion requires, by individual enterprise alone.

Impressed with the importance of these considerations, after anxious deliberation, I can suggest no plan better calculated to promote the object in view, than to invoke the cooperation and assistance of Local Committees in the City of Baltimore and other parts of the State, whose organized efforts, intelligence and activity, will enable them to give the most proper direction to the personal exertions which the occasion evidently demands.

It seems to me that our loyal community comprises various classes, each capable of ren-

and the following persons to  
hunter forces under General was  
6<sup>th</sup> Regt John Pryor and for the  
Col Meads, Co. F. John Schley,  
St. Crouch Chesapeake City  
any officer of Co. A 4<sup>th</sup>  
Lieut H. Mid Regt - see Publ. Record  
my Bird and Jos D. Rembock Comm  
Justice of Peace of 3<sup>rd</sup> Ele Dist.  
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of the First Maryland Cavalry