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You are therefore ordered to address a copy of this communication to each Major General, Brigadier General, Colonel, Lieutenant Colonel & Major, now in commission, referring them to the act of 1834 & Chapter 251 directing them forthwith to carry in to effect the specifications herein prescribed for the reorganization of the Militia of this State:

Thos G Pratt
Gov and Commander in Chief
of the Militia
Head Quarters Md Militia
Annapolis May 20th 1846

General Order No 2
to Jas N. Matthews
Adjut Genl Md Militia
Sir

Our Country is war with Mexico, and there are indications which cannot be disregarded of approaching difficulties with a more powerful enemy. It is in my judgement necessary, that the Militia of the State should be thoroughly re-organized, that Maryland may be placed in a position to meet as it becomes her, the existing, or any exigency that may occur. In this organization it is essential 1st That the bounds of the several Brigades, Regimental and Company Districts should be distinctly defined 2nd That efficient Brigade, Regimental and Company Officers should be appointed 3rd That there should be an immediate enrolment of the men subject to Militia duty within each Military district; and 4th That the several Brigades, Regiments & Companies should be mustered at such stated periods as would ensure a thorough discipline of the entire Militia force of the State.

You are therefore ordered to address a copy of this communication to the Major-General, Brigadier-Generals, Colonels, Lieutenant-Colonels and Majors of the 1st Light Division Maryland Volunteer Infantry, now in commission, referring them to the act of 1823, Chapter 188, and its supplements, and directing them forthwith to carry into effect the specifications herein prescribed for the re-organization of the Militia of this State.

Thos G Pratt,
Gov: & Commander in Chief Md Militia