

to Jas. N. Matthews
Adj. Gen. Md. Militia

General Order No 3

Head Quarters Md. Militia
Annapolis May 21st 1846

Sir

The State of Maryland during the late War with Great Britain, expended a large sum of money in providing for the public defence, which has not been refunded by the General Government, in consequence of the want of proper vouchers to authenticate the claims of the State for such re-imbursments. The result has been, that whilst the other States of the Union have been re-imbursed for such expenses incurred by them, the State of Maryland has hitherto been unable to have her claims against the General Government adjusted.

To prevent a recurrence of such a loss to the State, you are hereby ordered to require of all persons who may be authorized to expend money, or deliver, or distribute arms, or other munitions of War, on the part of this State, in providing for the public defence, during the continuance of the war between the United States and the Republic of Mexico, to make a duplicate voucher for such expenditure attested by some respectable citizen of this State & you will immediately transmit a copy of this order to the several Major and Brigadier Generals, now in commission or who may be commissioned, with directions to have this order properly and fully enforced.

Thos. G. Pratt
Gov. & Commander in Chief M. M.

To Charles M. Shuston Esq.

Executive Department

May 21st 1846

Sir

I have received a requisition from the President of the United States for two Regiments of Infantry to be mustered into the service of the United States, and I have this day issued a proclamation calling upon the Citizens of the State to enroll themselves as volunteers to supply this force.

Under the Act of Congress the Officers are to be appointed by me & aware that the value of this force will depend in a great degree upon the efficiency of the Officers appointed, I have determined to select those who in my judgement will be best qualified to confer honour upon their State & Country.

I now offer you the command of one of those Regiments & shall be highly gratified if your other engagements will permit you again to enter the Military Service of the Country as the Colonel of the first Volunteer Regiment of Maryland.

Be pleased to write me at your earliest convenience and believe me,

Your friend & Obedt Servant
Thos. G. Pratt