

Executive Department
June 9th 1846

Sir

I had the pleasure to make personally to you the offer of the command of one of the Regiments of Maryland Volunteers to be raised under the requisition of the President of the United States. I have not had the pleasure to receive from you your acceptance of the commission offered you.

I am anxious to have the Regiment fully organized to meet promptly every demand which may be made for calling them into immediate service. Will you be pleased to impose the receipt of this letter, to ^{advise} me of your acceptance of the command of the 2nd Regiment of Maryland Volunteers; a part of which Regiment is now organized under Lieutenant Col Wm H. Watson.

I hope you will have no difficulty in making some arrangement with the War Department, by which your present commission in the Army of the United States would be restored to you, if your Regiment should not be called into service. I am sorry that the Constitution of this State requires the resignation of your commission in the service of the United States before ^{you} can be commissioned by me.

Yours Wm Hughes Esq.

With great Respect and
Regards your obedt
(signed) Thos G Pratt

P.S. Since writing the above I have recd your favor of the 1st inst. and I must express my sincere gratification at the prospect of the whole Regiment being called into service, by which you will be enabled to take the command in person. Be assured that any assistance in my power to produce this result will be most cheerfully rendered.

Yours
(signed) Thos G Pratt