

General Order No 4

To Jas N. Matthews
Adjut. General

Head Quarters Md & M.
Annapolis June 10th 1846

Sir

You will upon the receipt of this order, by personal ins-
pection or otherwise, ascertain the number of Arms in the State Armories fit
for immediate use & you will also take the necessary steps to collect the arms
throughout the State, which are not in the charge of Companies of Volunteers or
Militia properly organized & report to me the number which are fit for use &
the number requiring repair & also the probable cost of repairing the same.

The contemplated organization of the Militia force of the State will
render your early attention to this order indispensable.

Thos. G. Pratt

Gov. & Com. in Chief Md & M.

Wm. M. Merrick Esq.
De. Atto. Genl.

State Department
June 10th 1846

Sir

I have received your favour of the 11th inst. enclosing
affidavits, upon which you ask for a requisition upon the Governor of Penn-
sylvania for the delivery of Jas E. Simmons charged with the crime of
Kidnapping. I doubt whether the Governor of Pennsylvania would deliver
up the accused upon my requisition based upon those affidavits &
I would suggest to you the propriety of having the party indicted so
that the requisition may be predicated upon the indictment.

The Gov. would not feel at liberty to look behind the indictment,
but would be at liberty to judge for himself as to the propriety or
legality of the requisition founded on affidavits.

Very respt. your Obedt Servt
Thos. G. Pratt

John Bacon Esq.
Pres. Penna Inst. Deaf & Dumb

State Department
June 11th 1846

Sir

You will please admit into the
Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf & Dumb as a Pupil
of the State of Maryland for the period of five years (or until
further ordered) John E. Ellwood of Somerset County now
aged ten years.

Thos. G. Pratt

