

others justly entitled thereto, is in the possession of a full and accurate history of the military service of the true claimant. To make this public would inevitably increase the temptations to the species of fraud and the means for its successful accomplishment.

Similar applications have been made to this Department by other States which have, in every case, been refused.

Very Respectfully  
Your Obedt Servt  
G. Davis  
Secretary of War

His Excellency  
E. Louis Howe  
Governor of Maryland  
Annapolis  
Maryland

Executive Department  
Annapolis.  
June 6th 1853.

James D. Carpenter Esq.

Dear Sir:

A few days before the adjournment of the Legislature the Governor received a copy of the proceedings of the meeting held on the 16th of May at Pyle's wharf in Charles County, in relation to the Act of Certain persons supposed to be Virginians, and of which you had some time previously spoken to the Governor.

There is nothing before the Governor to authorize a requisition; as no names of the suspected parties are given, no indictment of a Grand Jury, and no affidavit charging any one with the offence. In fact there is nothing for the Governor to do, as the case stands before him.

He has directed me to write to you as a matter of respect, in view of the fact, that you first called his attention to the case.

Very Respectfully  
Dr. Obedt Servt.  
Mr. H. O'Neal  
Secy of State.