

these exigencies of the Case, to land my men - to supply their wants, and to relieve them from the extreme and unhealthy confinement of a transport vessel not fitted to receive; To convince your Excellency of the good faith towards the authorities of the State of Maryland, with which I am acting, and I am armed only against the disturbers of her peace and of the United States, I enclose a copy of an order issued to my Command before I had the honor of receiving the copy of your communication through Capt Blake, I trust your Excellency will appreciate the necessities of my position, and give me an immediate reply, which I await with anxiety.

I would do myself the honor to have a personal interview with your Excellency, if you so desire, I beg leave to call your Excellency's attention to what I hope may be pardoned for deeming an ill-advised designation of the men under my Command. They are not Northern troops - they are a part of the whole Militia of the United States, obeying the Call of the President,

I have the honor of being your Excellency's obedient servant,

Benj. H. Butler

Brig. Genl in the Militia of the U.S.

P.S. It occurs to me that our landing on the grounds at the Naval Academy would be entirely proper, and in accordance with your Excellency's wishes,

B. H. B.

Seal of the State of  
Massachusetts

Special Brigade, Order, No. 37.

Headquarters Second Division Mass. Vol. Militia,

On board steamer Maryland, off Annapolis

April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1861

Col. Monroe is charged with the execution of the following order: At five o'clock A.M. the troops will be paraded by Company and be drilled in the Manual of arms, Especially in loading at will, firing by file, and in the use of the bayonet, and those specialities will be observed in all subsequent drills in the Manual. Such drill to continue until 7 O'clock, when all the arms will be stacked upon the upper deck - great care being taken to instruct the men as to the mode of stacking their arms, so that a firm stack not easily overturned, shall be made. Being obliged to drill at times with the weapons loaded, great damage may be done by the overturning of the stack and the discharge of the piece. This is important. Indeed an accident has already occurred in the regiment from this cause, and although slight in its consequences yet it warns us to increase diligence in this regard. The purpose which could only be hinted at in the orders of yesterday has been accomplished. The frigate Constitution has lain for a long