

Telegraphic Dispatch. Annapolis Nov 25 1861

To his Excellency
The Governor of Maryland
Sir,

It is found by experience that competition by agents of states authorized to purchase arms in competition with the agents of the Government is highly detrimental to the public service as it advances prices both to the state and United States, the loss of which may ultimately fall upon the General Government. To avoid this competition you are respectfully requested to withdraw all agents for the purchase of arms in order that the Govt of the U.S. may make all such purchases with the greatest possible reduction and remove the present inducement for speculators to withhold arms from the service. The arms will be distributed to the troops of the several states as soon as received.

Simon Cameron
Secy War

Head Quarters, Army of the Potomac
Washington, Dec. 2, 1861

To His Excellency
Governor Thomas H. Hicks
Annapolis
Governor,

I respectfully nominate you for the appointment of Captain in the Home Guards of the state of Maryland in any regiment in which there may be a vacancy Mr Wilhelm Heine, the gentleman of that name whom you may remember favourably as being connected with the Japan Expedition. If this appointment can properly be made, it will enable the government to avail itself of the valuable services of Mr Heine at once, and a favor will be conferred which will be duly appreciated by

Very Respectfully your obt servant
Geo W McCallan
Maj Genl Comd in

Head Quarters, Army of the Potomac
Washington, Dec 6th 1861

His Excellency
Governor Thomas H. Hicks,
Annapolis
Maryland
Governor,

Your reply to the letter of Genl McCallan of the 5th inst, has reached these Head Quarters by the hands of Mr Heine. General McCallan desires me to express to you his thanks for