

Adjutant General's Office

Washington July 13 1862

His Excellency Geo Bradford

Governor of Maryland

Annapolis

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Sir

I have the honor to propose to your Excellency the consolidation of some of the Maryland troops. There are at Baltimore some five or perhaps six companies of an Infantry Regiment raised by one Geo O McCannell and designated the 11th Maryland Regiment. There are at Williamsport and its vicinity three full companies and a fourth partly organized raised by Gen Lawson. At Hagerstown there is another company commanded by a Capt Welch and at Ellicott's Mills another commanded by Capt McGowan. Two or three of these companies are not complete and would require to be consolidated. It is important for the interests of the service that these separate bodies should be consolidated into one regiment.

There are also belonging to Gen Lawson's command and stationed in the neighborhood of Williamsport and Hancock four companies of Cavalry commanded by Capt Russell, Sells, Patterson and Solt, which it would be well to consolidate with the Battalion of six companies now commanded by Lt Col. A. J. Miller. These last are at Baltimore. It is highly important that these companies should be brought into some Regiment or Battalion where they could receive competent instruction. This would be the case were the four companies of General Lawson's command consolidated with the present command of Lt Col Miller an old regular officer of proven ability and experience. Should these consolidations as above suggested meet your approval an order will be given from this office to carry the same into effect.

I am Sir

Very Resp

Yr obed Serv^t

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Adj^t General

State of Maryland

Executive Chamber

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Sir

Annapolis Jan 7 1862

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 13th inst and cordially concur in the proposed consolidation of some of the Maryland troops stationed now at different points of the State. Col McCannell to whom you refer as having raised some six companies now under his command as 11th Maryland Regiment expects to depart for me some two or three days since, of completing his command by adding to it some four companies from Pennsylvania who were ready to be sent west with him, and although he represents it as a movement sanctioned by the War Department, it seems to me of questionable propriety.