

State of Maryland

Executive Chamber

Annapolis Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> 1862

Genl. A. Thomas

Adjutant Genl. &amp;c

Sir

On the 15<sup>th</sup> Inst. at the urgent solicitation of Col. S. C. McConnell of 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment of Maryland Volunteers, and on recommendation of the Company officers of his Command, and after a reference to the Adjutant Genl. of the State who reported favorably thereon, I issued a Commission as Lieut. Col. to Solon Fisher and caused the appointment to be reported to your office — A few days afterwards I discovered that a Commission for the same office in the same Regiment had been issued by my predecessor on 20<sup>th</sup> Dec. last to Samuel W. Coover, and that the Commission had been issued upon the written recommendation of the same S. C. McConnell — As soon as I discovered the fact I addressed a note to him on the subject requiring the immediate return of the last Commission as having inadvertently issued. — That Commission has not been returned and I understand that Fisher is now acting under it, and I deem it proper to report these facts to the Department.

Very Respectfully

A. W. Bradford

Camp Carroll near

Baltimore January 16<sup>th</sup> 1862

To His Excellency

A. W. Bradford

Governor of Maryland,

Sir: —

You will have received, I presume, before this time, a communication from Adjutant General Thomas, respecting the consolidation and organization of certain fragmentary corps, raised in this State, or in Virginia, or Pennsylvania, in connection with regiments properly belonging to Maryland. One of these bodies, denominated "the 3<sup>rd</sup> Maryland Regiment" has been raised, as far as it has been raised, as part of the force which I was authorized to recruit in Maryland, by virtue of a commission from the President of the U. States dated the 11<sup>th</sup> of May last. The authority to recruit this regiment was given to a man by the name of Solon C. McConnell, who had undertaken to raise it in twenty days. This was in the early part of July. After laboring all the summer he managed to get together some two or three companies, principally from New York and New England. At this period, say, the 5<sup>th</sup> of December, he received peremptory orders from the War Department to suspend recruiting