

it was done on McCounnell's written recommendation. — I immediately addressed him a note requiring the return of the Commission as having improvidently issued — but have not yet received it and have reported the facts to the Adjutant General of U. S.

I can find neither in the Act of Congress nor in any order of the War Department any preliminary required to the Commissioning of these officers entrusted to the selection of the Governor of the State, and the absence of some such provision makes the duty a delicate and difficult one and therefore the more readily consent to the proposition you make in reference to the Brigade you were authorized to raise.

And should be much pleased if the Department would prescribe some rule that should enable the State Executive to exercise the appointing power with better chance of commissioning good officers.

Very Respectfully &c  
H. W. Bradford

Washington D. C.  
January 22<sup>nd</sup> 1862

Hon. George W. Bradford  
Governor of Maryland  
Sir

One Samuel Baker is confined in the jail of this City upon the charge of murder — I find upon enquiry that the homicide was committed in Montgomery County State of Maryland — And the prisoner will be held subject to a requisition by you — It is a very aggravated case of murder and I hope that you will find it convenient to take prompt measures to have the prisoner punished according to law.

Very Resp'y.  
Edward C. Carrington  
U. S. Atty. for D. C.

State of Maryland  
Office of the Secretary of State  
Annapolis January 27<sup>th</sup> 1862

Pres. & Directors of the Columbia  
Institution for Instruction of the Deaf & Dumb  
Gentlemen

I am instructed by the Governor to request you to furnish this Department with a list of the names of the beneficiaries in your Institution at this time chargeable to the State of Maryland, and the date of the expiration of their terms respectively.

Very Resp'y. Your obedt. Servant  
Wm. S. Will Secy. of State