

States as they may deem expedient, for the purpose of obtaining such information as will enable the Committee to act understandingly with regard to the duties toward the brave men now serving, or who may in future serve, in the Army or Navy of the United States "during the war."

You will confer a great favor by answering at your earliest convenience, the following questions

1st Has your State paid, or will it pay Volunteers for services in camp or otherwise, before they were actually mustered into the service of the United States, if not, why?

2nd Does your State pay a bounty to Volunteers in the Army or Navy or both?

3rd Does your State grant aid to the families of the Volunteers in the Army or Navy or both? if so, how much, and when did you commence rendering such aid?

4th Does the aid to families (if any is rendered) extend to the families of those inhabitants of other States who may enlist into the Army or Navy in your State?

5th Does this aid extend to families of inhabitants of your State who have been, or may enlist into Regiments of other States, and are credited to the quota of said States?

Any other information upon these matters in your possession which will aid us in performing our duties to the Soldier & Sailor, will be thankfully received.

I am Sir

Your Obedt. Servt.

G. M. Thompson

Chairman

His Excellency

D. W. Spadford

Governor of Md.

State of Maryland

Executive Chamber

Annapolis February 17th 1862

Hon. G. M. Thompson Chairman &c

Sir

Your letter of January 23rd containing certain Interrogatories in regard to the course pursued by this State towards Volunteers serving in the present War and their families, was received at this Department some time since and the Governor instructs me to say:

That at the time of the receipt of your letter, there was a Bill pending in the House of Delegates of this State in reference to the subject named therein; That Bill with a few immaterial amendments, has since passed the 'House' and will probably pass the Senate in a few days, and thus become a Law.

I enclose you a copy of said Bill which is the only provision made by this State for the purpose above named.

Very Respy.

Your Obedt. Servt.

G. M. Carter Private Secy