

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Executive Department
Boston February 11th 1862

To His Excellency
Governor Bradford
Governor.

I have the honor herewith to inclose a copy of a proclamation which I have been compelled to issue for the sake of guarding the citizens of this State against imposture and its consequent suffering, to which many of them have recently been subjected. I regret that this necessity should have been occasioned in great part by the action of persons professing to act in behalf of regiments of the State of Maryland; but as such is the fact I take this method of bringing the subject to your Excellency's attention, and remain

With great respect
Your obedient servant
Solon A. Andrew

State of Maryland
Executive Department
Annapolis Feby. 15th 1862

His Excellency
Governor Andrew

Dear Sir

I have received your communication of 11th Inst. with your Proclamation & enclosed and am pleased that you have issued it: as the enlistment of men in your State under such circumstances and for such a service is as little desirable to me as to yourself. Solon Fisher one of the individuals engaged in thus recruiting and who is referred to in the correspondence accompanying your proclamation as acting under a Commission from this State as Lieut. Col, procured that Commission under circumstances which imposed upon me at the time, and in fact rendered it a nullity. As soon as this imposition was discovered I caused measures to be taken to have the Commission returned to this Department and it has been returned and cancelled

Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant
A. W. Bradford