

conclusion, and for the same reason, that you suggest in reference to the Navy in Annapolis and under such circumstances there is I think no such default as will stand in the way of his Commission

Yours Very Respy.  
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To His Excellency  
A. R. Bradford  
Governor of Maryland,

Sir:-

Having called yesterday on Adjt. General Thomas for orders respecting the organizing of several incomplete Regiments of Maryland Volunteers, he referred me to your Excellency for the necessary authority, informing me at the same time that the whole subject of organization had been committed to the Governors of the respective States. You will perhaps best comprehend the nature and propriety of the order which I desire from a statement of the conditions of the Regiments to which it is to be applied.

Your Excellency is aware that a man by the name of McConnell was authorized by the War Dept to raise a Regiment in connection with my command, and under the general directed to me on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of May last. This authority to McConnell was dated in July; and the Regt. was to be raised in twenty days. After several extensions of the time in which the Regt was to have been raised, an order was issued from the War Dept. to consolidate several companies recruited during the Summer and Fall in Washington and Allegany Counties by Col Damon, with McConnell's Regt. In pursuance of this order, three full companies of Damons command, and part of a fourth, were ordered to Baltimore, and by me consolidated with McConnell's command, alledged to consist of four full companies, and the half of a fifth. The consolidation being made, the Regt. is still incomplete. I propose to complete it by consolidating, or uniting with it, the whole, or a part, as may be necessary, of a portion of a Regiment which is in the course of being raised by Col. Wayson, provided his consent (as I am assured it can) be obtained.

Colonel Wayson's command, contains about four companies. These companies will fill McConnell's Regt, and probably leave a company, or perhaps a company and a half, unappropriated. I propose to add them to the Maryland Regt, which is in the course of being raised.