

is received, the decision of the Department on the questions you submit will be communicated

Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant
Edwin M. Stanton
Secretary of War

His Excellency
A. W. Bradford
Governor of Maryland

Adjutant General's Office
Washington March 26th 1862

His Excellency A. W. Bradford
Governor of Maryland
Annapolis Md.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 17th Inst. the Secretary of War directs me to say that it is desired that the Executive of Maryland shall exercise the power of appointing the Regimental and Company Officers of Volunteers that have been, or may be, raised within her limits, for the Service of the United States

In order however, not to displace competent Officers now serving in these capacities, it is desired that such be commissioned by your Excellency, to date from the respective periods at which they entered the United States' Service; and that such as may be considered incompetent be not commissioned, unless passed upon favorably by a Military Board, to be convened for their examination by Major General Dix, Commanding at Baltimore.

The Secretary also requests that you will confer with Major General Dix, in regard to the suggestion made in your letter of the 17th Inst. touching the concentration of the Maryland troops at one or more central points

I am Sir,
Very Respectfully
Your obt. servant
D. Thomas
Adjutant General

Camp Carroll, Baltimore
March 26th 1862

Hon. A. W. Bradford
Sir:

I have the honor to address you on the following subject, viz - on the 18th of February last you commissioned one John Cannon as 2nd Lieut. of my company, I wish to inquire if that commission is valid - My company never