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Gen. Grand evidently took great interest in procuring the appointment and in a subsequent telegram on the subject refers to the Commission as being as gratifying to himself as complimentary to the gallant man who received it."

But if Gen. Grand or myself committed a mistake as you suppose in commissioning an officer without authority, it would seem that the War Department has fallen into the same error; for by a Report from the Adjutant Genl's office at Washington dated 14<sup>th</sup> Jan'y. last and transmitted to the Executive of Maryland it appears that among the "officers from the Volunteer forces from the State of Maryland who have resigned" - is "2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant C. C. Stonisfer of Russell's Company Cavalry" - whose resignation created the very vacancy filled by the appointment of John Cannon, and of course must have been reported to this Department for no other purpose, than that the Governor of Maryland should fill it.

Yours very Respectfully  
A. W. Bradford

(Circular)

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From Washington

To The Governor of Maryland

The returns from many of the States being found imperfect and some changes having been made since the last returns, will you please send to this department a full and accurate statement of all the troops from your State which are now in the service of the general Government together with a separate list of all not mustered into the service and all used as Home Guards &c. Keep exact and the service distinct and exhibit the total of each with the grand total.

The object of this is to arrive at the accurate number of men armed and equipped in the Military Service in any capacity in order to provide adequate appropriation for payment and supplies and it is highly desirable that your statement should be sent with no delay please acknowledge receipt immediately

Edwin M. Stanton