

State of Maryland
Executive Chamber
Annapolis May 5th 1852

To His Excellency
Governor Andrew

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 2nd Inst. enclosing a copy of the Resolutions adopted by your General Court upon the subject of the provision recently made by the General Assembly of Maryland for the families of the Massachusetts Soldiers killed or wounded in the riot of the 19th April 1851.

It will afford me pleasure to lay these Resolutions before our Legislature at its next session, feeling assured that they will still further promote "that kind and fraternal feeling" between our respective States to which they so appropriately refer.

I am, Sir with great respect

Your Excellency's obedient servant
A. W. Bradford

His Excellency
The Governor of Maryland

Baltimore 1st May 1852

Sir

I have the honor to enquire whether a Commission, heretofore issued to me under an Act of Gen. Sess. 1858 ch. 27. is to be regarded as still of force. This Commission was thus issued in my absence from the U. States and without any application or even consciousness on my part. The discharge of its functions was intended to be and has been entirely gratuitous; indeed in this aspect it has only furnished occasion for expenditure of my own funds in small items of which I did not think fitting to keep any account.

The objects of the Commission have been partially attained; and if the undertaking is to be considered as still on foot, I am quite ready to continue my efforts towards its progress. Just now there is an opportunity for taking some desirable steps which however I do not assume myself as authorized to take without having brought the question under the notice of your Excellency.

These steps will require, among other things, resort after a while, to the unexpended balance of the Appropriation made under the Act aforesaid. The expenditure of a part or of the whole of this balance (which is itself under One hundred Dollars to the best of my recollection) is of small moment; but it is proper that it should be mentioned as a matter of business.