

I beg your Excellency to believe that I have no other motive about it than a disinterested concern and instinctive impulse in and for a measure which I regard as creditable and advantageous to the Public; and otherwise I shall very willingly accept any views which your Excellency may entertain and conform to any instructions that may be given in the premises.

I have the honor to remain

Yr. Excellency's obt. Servt.

J. M. Alexander

State of Maryland

Executive Chamber

Annapolis May 5th 1862

J. M. Alexander Esq.

Sir:

I have received your communication of 1st Inst. calling my attention to the Act of 1858 ch. 47 and enquiring whether the Commission issued to you under that act is to be considered as still in force &c.

The object of the Act was to procure from certain public offices abroad copies of documents that might illustrate the early history of the State - and it appropriated \$500 for that purpose to be expended under the direction of some one whom the Governor should designate.

So long as any of the appropriation remains unexpended and any documents of the kind referred to can be procured I have no doubt of your authority to use such remaining fund for that purpose - and being fully aware of the disinterested motives which governed you in accepting the trust I shall feel that you are conferring a further favor upon the State by the continuance of your services in procuring such copies of the kind contemplated as you may consider most interesting or important and ~~that~~^{as} the fund still at your service may enable you to command.

I am very Respectfully

A. W. Bradford

Baltimore May 5th 1862

To His Excellency A. W. Bradford

Governor of Maryland

Herewith you will receive a copy of a printed circular issued by Mr. Benj. J. May the recently appointed Inspector General of Grain for the City of Baltimore, also a communication from the Corn & Flour Exchange Association