

If the violence imputed to these officers be substantiated, and was unprovoked by any violent resistance, it would seem to demand their prompt dismissal, not less with a view to its effect upon the loyal cause against which, the Judge is supposed to have arrayed himself, than from what is justly due to public sentiment in its respect for the functions which he was at the time discharging. The only way however in which I can contribute to such results, is to enclose the statement you have sent me to Genl. Wool now commanding the Military Department, with a request that he will cause the facts of the case to be investigated and the Provost Marshal or his Deputies dealt with as their conduct deserves. This I will immediately do.

In regard to the cause of the arrest, or the Judge's claims to a release on bail I know nothing, and can of course venture no opinion; He is, I presume, held upon like authority, with the same purpose, and for similar offences, as others arrested by the Military Arm of the Government and now in custody.

I have certainly heard reports of proceedings in his judicial capacity, which, if true, would seem to indicate a determination to exert his authority to the utmost in sustaining those engaged in rebellious proceedings, and punishing those disposed to suppress them.

These reports may or may not be true, but however true, they by no means excuse the alleged violence in the manner of his arrest, which I sincerely hope will be promptly investigated and if established, properly punished.

Yours very truly  
A. W. Bradford

P.S.

I would suggest that any other testimony as to the conduct of the officers be forwarded directly to Genl. Wool at Baltimore  
A. W. B.

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Major Genl. John E. Wool  
Commanding this Military Dept.  
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I have just received from George Vickers Esq, a highly respectable, and eminently loyal citizen of this State, a member of the Bar of Kent County, a communication complaining in strong terms of the violence of the proceedings on the part of the Provost Marshal or some of his Deputies in executing the order of Maj. Genl. Dix lately commanding the Department, for the arrest of Judge Carmichael