

of Queen Anne's County of this State — This arrest was made but a short time before Genl. Dix was transferred from this Command, and before, as I presume, he had an opportunity of enquiring into the manner in which his order was executed.

The letter of Mr. Vickers enclosed a statement of Saml. Mambleton Esq a member of the Bar of Talbot County, where Judge Carmichael was at the time engaged in holding Court — and which relates the circumstances as witnessed by Mr. Mambleton, attending the arrest of the Judge. This statement is herewith enclosed. I have no information of the cause of Judge Carmichael's arrest, and hope you will not understand me as assuming any authority in reference to it, or doing any thing more than giving what seems to me the proper direction to an apparently well founded complaint made to me by one of our most worthy and loyal citizens. I am aware, that as a military proceeding, instituted by the proper Military Authorities, in time of actual war, such power is claimed, and perhaps justly by the Military Arm of the Government; but be the imputed offence what it may, I think you will agree with me that the circumstances under which the arrest was made, and the manner of making it, as detailed in the enclosed statement are of a character to require immediate investigation; and I trust if any of the officers engaged in it have been guilty of the violence there imputed, that their prompt dismissal will follow the proof of the fact. This would seem to be demanded not less by the effect which such proceedings are calculated to have upon the loyal sentiments of the Community, which we are all anxious to foster, than by the respect which we all feel to be justly due to the officer, in the exercise of which the Judge was actually engaged at the time the arrest was made.

The time, as it seems to me, was most unseasonably chosen by the officers, to say nothing of the violence with which their proceedings were marked. I beg therefore General, that you will cause the manner and circumstances of this arrest to be thoroughly investigated;

Such a course would seem to be due, as well to the Government and its officers, as to the general sense of the Community, and the character and position of the party arrested; and if the facts detailed in the enclosed statement be substantiated, I trust you will agree with me in the propriety of promptly punishing those so apparently reckless in the discharge of the duties with which they are charged.

I am Sir with great respect
Your obt. Servt.
A. W. Bradford