

as of the heroic efforts of the brave officers and crew of the "Sabine" on the occasion referred to, and which, under Providence, so happily resulted in rescuing from a situation of extreme peril, the valuable lives of so many brave men. We were fortunately, and most unexpectedly, at hand, to undertake a difficult, but anxious and a pleasant duty, and it was performed by my efficient officers and gallant Seamen, with a will and heartiness which characterises the American Sailor in every situation of great peril -

The highest reward, next to the consciousness of having faithfully performed his duty, which any one of us could desire, is the knowledge, that our friends at home remember us kindly, and make honorable mention of our services - I shall cause the Resolutions to be read to the officers and crew, and I need hardly say, that the honor done to us will be deeply felt by all.

If the Legislature was in session I would ask of you the favor to make known to that honorable body our respectful acknowledgements for the honor conferred upon us by the passage of the Resolutions - and I now ask in my own name, and on behalf of my officers and crew, that this letter may be preserved in the archives of the Executive department

With the highest respect

Your obtt. Servant

Cadwalader Ringgold

Captain U.S.A.

Head Quarters Baltimore

June 23rd 1862

Mr. Samuel Coover

Present

Sir:

Whenever the Governor of Maryland will order you to report to me as Lieut. Colonel of the 3rd Regt. Maryland Vols. for duty, I will order you to join your Regiment.

Very Respectfully

Your obtt. Servt.

John A. Wool

Maj. Gen. Comdg.

Baltimore June 26th 1862

Mr. Augustus W. Bradford

Governor of Maryland

Sir:

The case of Col. Coover is still stationary, and that for the want of an order directing where to go - Lieut. Gen. Wool says "as the Governor of Maryland gave him his Commission, let the Governor simply direct him