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I deeply regret to hear such an opinion expressed by one for whose opinion I have had so much respect, and whose loyalty I have always considered of so true a type — Pardon me for saying that I cannot but think it has been provoked by some momentary irritation caused by circumstances I can well imagine, and that you will yourself review it in a calmer moment —

I cannot believe that the patriotism of the loyal people of Maryland is of so flexible a character, that they will require guarantees of any kind before they "come to the rescue" — the more especially when their supposed apprehension of future losses can only be excited by the fear of a petty faction whose power for mischief only exists whilst our political system is in its present disorganized condition — Still less can I think that their embarking in such a cause as now calls for volunteers, can under any circumstances be regarded as "suicidal to their interests" — If they expect to find under the cause of Secession, in whatever guise presented, a safer asylum for their interests of any kind, I have been as much mistaken in their intelligence as their patriotism, and I have not as yet the slightest doubt of either — And Secession is the only cause to which they can look when they refuse to come to the rescue of the Union.

Yours very Resp.
A. W. Bradford

Treasury Department
Second Comptroller's Office
Washington June 18th 1862

Sir:
I have most respectfully to request that you will furnish this office with a statement of the payments by the State of Maryland an account of pay to her troops, from the day of enrollment to the date of muster into the service of the United States; giving the number of each regiment and the time to which all such payments have been made and for which reimbursement will be claimed by the State of Maryland from the Government of the United States.

I would particularly urge a reply at your earliest convenience

Very Respectfully
Yours obt. Servt.
J. Madison Cutts
Comptroller

Adjt. Genl. of Maryland