

State of Maryland
Executive Department
Baltimore Aug 21st 1862

Major Genl. John G. Wool
Comdg. 5th Army Corps
Sir:

I have just had the honor to receive a communication addressed to you, and containing information of certain named individuals who have been assisting in transportation of certain citizens to the South with the view to evade the draft - and offering upon receiving proper authority to arrest these parties engaged in this proceeding and seize certain arms with which they are provided.

This communication by an endorsement on the back of it, seems to have been referred to me by you - For what purpose I do not understand, for if you, as the Commander of this Military Department, have not the authority from the Government to act in such a case, I cannot perceive that any action of mine can be available - I therefore respectfully return the communication referred to

and have the honor to be

Very Respectfully
Your obedt. Servt.

A. W. Bradford

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Hon. E. M. Stanton
Secy. of War,
Sir:

I have received from Genl. Buckingham a telegram saying that 6099 men are required from Maryland to fill up our Regiments in the Field; This means I presume that we are lacking that number to make up the full quota of the State of all the Volunteers called for previous to the last call of the President for 300,000.

If it is proposed that these 6099 men are to be made up by draft, in addition to the 8532, the States quota of the drafted Militia, I would most respectfully but earnestly ask a reconsideration of that question, and a suspension, at least for the present, of the execution of any such order. In a conversation had with you at the Department some two weeks ago, I very briefly called this subject to your attention, reminding you of our situation and expressing the hope that if we raised the four new Regiments now forming to their maximum standard that they, with those heretofore furnished might be accepted by the Government in full of our share of the Volunteer force, and that