

we should then be required to raise by draft only the 5532 our portion of the new month's militia — and although you did not on so many words promise so to consider it, I was induced to believe from what you did say that you would not object to take that view of it.

The Volunteers we have now in the field added to the four Regiments which will be complete in a few days will make the Volunteer force from this State full 14000 men, and although estimating upon the basis of our entire population, that may not amount to our full quota, it must be more than our law proportion, when allowance is made, as it seems to me, should be, for the acknowledged Secession element still constituting so material a part of that aggregate population — it does, of course, not only furnish no Volunteers, but it requires no small portion of our loyal men to watch their movements and provide for our own domestic tranquility. The entire popular vote of our State is I think some 87000 — and the 14000 Volunteers added to the 5532 of drafted Militia will tax only fourteenth man of that population. Whilst comparing our total vote, say 87000, with the number of Volunteers they had furnished, say 14000, the per centum is even larger, and fully equal, I should think, to the proportion of Volunteers furnished in most of the other States.

I trust therefore you may agree with me in the expediency of suspending, at least for the present, any draft in our State, beyond that ordered for the Militia and for which we are now preparing with all the speed possible.

I have the honor to be,

Most Respectfully

Your obedt. Servt.

J. H. Bradford

State of Maryland
Executive Department
Baltimore Aug 30 1862

Maj Gen. John C. Hoop
Commandg & Army Corps

Sir:

Information from various parts of the State convinces me that the draft of Militia about to be made as well as the enrollment now in progress cannot so satisfactorily accomplished unless the enrolling officers are supported by a sufficient Military force — Threats of personal violence, as I am informed are repeatedly made and many of the Enrolling officers are declining, chiefly as I believe, in consequence of such threats.

I have conversed with the Provost