

Marshals on the subject. who is ready to act promptly, but it is necessary that he should be provided with a sufficient Provoost Guard. We have agreed upon the Counties to which it is most important that such a force should now be sent, and none of them would require more than a Company - some of them less and the Provoost Marshal will make known to you the particular places requiring such a force and the numbers that will suffice.

I would therefore most respectfully request that from some of the troops at your Command you will detail with as little delay as possible sufficient force for the object I have indicated.

I have the honor to be  
Very Respectfully  
A. W. Bradford  
Co. of Md.

State of Maryland  
Executive Department  
Annapolis Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> 1862

To Adj. Genl. L. Thomas

Sir:

I desire to call your attention to the situation of the men of the First Maryland Regiment captured at Front Royal and now Prisoners in Virginia. It is represented to me that they are confined on an Island in the James River below Richmond, suffering much from sickness and the want of clothing - and that although we have sent forward enough of the Rebel Prisoners to entitle us to their return, it is for some reason still suspended. It has been suggested that the want of the necessary means of transportation causes the delay; if this is so, we would provide transportation here with very little delay after receiving the authority -

I beg however to call this case to your attention, and if you will do me the favor to apprise me of the cause of their detention, if it cannot be immediately removed we will at least endeavor to provide for their comfort.

Yours very Respectfully  
A. W. Bradford