

and shall be apportioned among the States according to representative population" &c. — The Act itself provides for no exemptions whatever, and although the President in the exercise of the power which the Act confers has specified various classes of exempts, and among them those exempt under the State laws, this refers as I understand it to the exemptions from Militia duty which in our State are prescribed in the first section of the Militia Article of the Code and to none others — To hold that it must include also those between 18 & 21, because in drafting for State purposes the Governor can not draft them would be to allow the President to completely nullify the Act of Congress in the provision I have quoted, and to say that in Maryland the Draft must only include those above twenty one, though Congress has expressly declared that the enrollment from which the draft is made, shall in all cases include "all above 18" &c — Not only so, but to be consistent we must hold also for the same reason that in exempting all exempt by State laws the President means that the services of the drafted men in this State shall only be required for three months, though Congress has prescribed nine months as the term of their service —

Whilst I have great respect Sir for your professional opinion, I am for these reasons, constrained to differ with you upon the point suggested, and can not but think when you turn to the Act of Congress and give the subject the benefit of your further reflection you will agree in the view I have taken

Very Respy.
Your Obedt Servt.
A. W. Bradford

State of Maryland
Executive Department
Baltimore Oct. 15th 1862

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Dear Sir:

There being as I understand ^{there are} 2 Districts in your County where the Enrollment is still unfinished, the best disposition as it seems to me that I can make of a portion of the Military force which the Government has assigned to me to enforce the draft, is to so station them as to support the Enrolling officers in these two Districts — I have therefore directed Capt. Watkins commanding one of the Cavalry Companies assigned to this duty, and at present as I understand, stationed at or near Annapolis, to report to you — and you will oblige me by giving him orders to act in conjunction with the Probst force in such parts of the County as most require his presence looking to the obstructions likely to be opposed to the enrollment — When it is known that this force is on hand and ready to