

accompany if necessary, the Enrolling officer, and give him all necessary support, you will have less difficulty in inducing proper men to accept that appointment which I fully authorize you to confer and for which you have been I believe already furnished with the necessary blank Commissions.

As we are so much behind time in your County you will see the necessity of using all the dispatch possible!

Very Respy

Yours obdt Servt.

A. W. Bradford

State of Maryland

Executive Department

Baltimore Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> 1862

William Mahoney Esq

Commr. to Superintend Draft &c in Frederick County

Sir:

Representations have been made to me that the Examining Surgeon in Frederick County is charged with corrupt practices in granting certificates of disability to enrolled persons who are justly subject to draft, and that he has been arrested by the Government on that charge —

Such circumstances are well calculated to produce an excitement and agitation in the public mind unfavorable to a peaceful execution of the Draft tomorrow —

I shall take immediate measures to cause some investigation to be made into the fraudulent or corrupt practices imputed to Dr. Moran, and if they are established to my satisfaction, shall cause the parties exempted on his certificate to be re-examined by another Surgeon —

Under such circumstances it is necessary to postpone in Frederick County the Draft ordered for the 15<sup>th</sup> Inst. and you will consequently suspend for a few days and until further orders the Draft in your County

Yours Respectfully  
A. W. Bradford

P.S.

Please deliver to Dr. Moran the enclosed communication A. W. B.

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Baltimore Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> /62

Dr. Moran

Examining Surgeon for Frederick County

Sir:

Representations have been made to me of corrupt