

practices imputed to you in granting certificates of disability to persons claiming exemption from the Draft —
 Believing it due to you as well as to the public that some investigation should be made into this subject, I have ordered the Draft in Frederick County to be suspended for a few days, and on Saturday next shall send a Commissioner to Frederick authorized to take any proofs that may be offered in regard to the misconduct imputed, and take this method of notifying you of that purpose, that you may be present at the proposed investigation

Yours Respectfully
 A. W. Bradford

Riversdale October 11th 1862

Hon. A. W. Bradford
 Governor of Maryland
 Sir:

I have this moment received the enclosed petition from one of the most staunch Union men of this County with a request that I should send it to you and ask your investigation of the facts therein stated. The gentleman says that hundreds are deterred from signing it in consequence of threats made by the Provost Marshal that he will arrest all who do sign it. He says further that all the Memorialists ask is that an examination of some of those exempted be held and if they do not prove the facts set forth in the Memorial they will be satisfied but until such examination they feel justice has not been impartially administered.

Yours very respectfully
 Chas. B. Calvert

P.S.
 He further requests me to say that there are other Memorials being signed to the same effect in other portions of the County as this one embraces only Piscataway and Surratts Districts.
 M. B. C.

Memorial signed by about 100 Citizens of Prince Georges County filed with the above letter, also one signed by W. Benj. Wilson and Richard N. Dyon of said County — addressed to Edwin M. Stanton Secretary of War and by him referred to the Governor with the request that any abuse that may have practised may be corrected