

State of Maryland.
Executive Department
Annapolis October 15th 1862.

Hon. Charles S. Calvert

Dear Sir:

Yours of 11th Inst. has just been received covering a memorial signed by sundry citizens of Prince Georges County complaining that partiality has been practised in the exemptions allowed in said County —

It will occur to you that general charges of this description are entirely too vague to authorize any proceeding in the way of revision. It is not sufficient as it seems to me, to state that sundry persons have been exempted who ought not to be, there is probably not a County where similar opinions do not prevail, but if these gentlemen or any other respectable citizens of your County will make known to me any specific cases wherein abuses have been practised in granting exemptions, or even errors of judgement on the part of the Surgeon or Commissioner, I will direct such an examination as may determine the correctness of the charges, and have such abuses or errors corrected — I so explained a week or ten days ago to one or two citizens of Prince Georges County who made to me suggestions similar to those contained in this memorial, and they promised that the specifications should be forthcoming but I have received nothing of the sort.

I am of course as anxious as any one that complete justice shall be done and every abuse corrected, but until I have some specification of such abuses, I do not feel justified in ordering the whole work of the Commissioner and Surgeon to be revised in order to discover whether they in fact exist — Be good enough to make this explanation to the Gentlemen or some of them who have signed this memorial

Very Resp'y.
A. W. Bradford

Head Quarters Army of the Potomac
Pleasant Valley Md. October 18th 1862

His Excellency

A. W. Bradford

Governor of Maryland

Governor:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's Order of September 29th in which you advert in such flattering terms to the conduct of this Army in the recent battles fought upon the soil of your State.

It was with the utmost pride and gratification that I received this most prompt acknowledgement of the skill of the officers and the gallantry of the men of the Army of the Potomac; we felt it all the more deeply because it emanated