

from the Executive of the state whose inhabitants had witnessed our efforts, and whose fields were rescued from the invader.

Your praise will stimulate this Army to renewed efforts in the sacred cause of the Union.

Permit me, Governor, in the name of the Army of the Potomac to thank you for your appreciation of its victories.

With the sincere hope and belief that no rebel Army shall again pollute the loyal state of Maryland, and committing to you as a sacred trust the remains of our gallant comrades who now rest beneath its soil

I am Governor with high respect
Your obtt. servt.

Geo. B. McClellan
Maj. Genl. U. S. A.

(For copy of order to which the above Letter is a response
See Record of Executive Proceedings under date of Sep. 29th 1862)

War Department
Washington City
October 23rd 1862

To His Excellency A. W. Bradford
Governor of Maryland

Sir:

A large part of the Arms and ordnance supplies for the troops mustered into the service of the United States since the 4th day of March 1861 from your State, having been issued by the State Authorities, it is necessary, to secure proper accountability on the part of the regimental officers, that you should furnish, as soon as possible to this Department, a return showing—

First: The number or other designation of each regiment and company of Infantry, Cavalry and Artillery from your State, that has been mustered into the service of the United States, and the date of such muster.

Second: The number and description of Arms and accoutrements and other ordnance stores issued, and the names of the several officers to whom the same were issued or who are accountable for any portion of them.

Third: The calibre of the small Arms should be stated, and whether they are rifled or smooth; whether they are of American or European manufacture, and the name by which each kind of Arm is commonly designated by Ordnance Officers.

The Return should be addressed to Brig. Genl. James W. Ripley, Chief of ordnance Washington D. C.

I have the honor to be
Your obtt. servt.

P. H. Watson
Act. Secy. of War

For answer to enquiries above see Col. Schley's letter to Governor, page 244