

State of Maryland  
Executive Department  
Annapolis Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> 1863

Capt. Watkins  
Commdg. Cavalry Co. attached to Funnell Legion &c  
Captain:

My letter to you of 13<sup>th</sup> October last called to your attention the fact that your Company, by an order from the Head Quarters of the Army, had been assigned for duty under my direction in completing the enrollment and enforcing the draft in this state, and by that letter you were directed to proceed in completing the Enrollment in two of the Districts of Anne Arundel County. That duty having been now performed, as I understand and the enrollment in said County completed, you will proceed with your troop without delay to St. Marys County for the discharge of a similar duty — Several of the Districts of the last named County, as reported to me by the Commissioner are not yet enrolled, and the probability is will not be unless the Enrolling officers are supported by some Military force —

William S. Blackstone Esq near Miketown is the Commissioner to superintend the Enrollment and draft in that County, and Captain J. Randolph Jones near St. Anigoes is the Provost Marshal — Both these gentlemen are thoroughly loyal and reliable and you can confer with either of them or both as to the best method of proceeding in completing the object of your mission — It will be better however to first repair to Leonardtown the County seat and then report to Col. Blackstone the Commissioner and consult with him and the Provost Marshal and be governed by their advice — I would take this occasion to impress upon you the delicacy and importance of the duties required of you and that you take care that your Command act with all possible discretion: Whilet they will avoid all unnecessary force and abstain as far as possible from all actions calculated to offend or irritate the citizens of the County they will at the same time exhibit such a firm & determined course as to manifest to all inclined to resist the enrollment the folly and necessary failure of such an attempt, and the determination of the Authorities to enforce the enrollment and draft in said County as thoroughly as in all the others of the State —

You will from time to time as occasion may seem to require, report the progress of your proceedings either to Colonel Creswell the Asst. Adjt. Genl. at Baltimore or to myself.

Yours very Respectfully  
A. W. Bradford

An Order from the War Department in reference to Drafted Camps was this day received from War Dept. recorded out of place on page 542