

may adopt, so long as I believe it honestly in pursuit of this as its principal object — though it might be the only one we have in common — it shall have my support as I believe it will of all our loyal people — If that support is worth anything, I am not willing, with such an object in view, to subtract from its value by raising an outcry or joining in denunciations over subordinate issues, calculated, if not contrived to divide the friends of the Union, and promote the hopes of the Rebellion by weakening the hands of the only power charged with the duty of suppressing it — Still less am I inclined to a course that to some might appear not less ridiculous than impracticable of calling on the Militia of the State to compel the Army of the Nation engaged in this War for National Salvation to disregard the laws established for its government and abide by those prescribed by our Code.

Yours very Respectfully
A. W. Bradford

Head Quarters Separate Brigade Defences of Balto.
Fort McHenry Md. Jan. 14th 1863

His Excellency Gov. Bradford
Annapolis Maryland

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that I have, subject to your order, five (5) pieces of field Artillery, formerly belonging to the "Union" and "Eagle" Companies of Baltimore —

If you will inform me where you wish these guns sent I will forward them

I have the honor to be Sir
Your most obt. servt.

W. W. Morris
Capt. Brig. Genl. U.S.A.
Comdg. Separate Brigade Defences of Balto

State of Maryland
Executive Department
Annapolis Jan. 15th 1863

Captain John M. Bruce
Co. B. 1st Lt. Art. Regt. Md. Vol. Militia
Sir:

I have received from Genl. Morris at Fort McHenry a note saying that he has 5 guns belonging to the State of Maryland and formerly in possession of the Eagle and Junior Artillery Companies of Baltimore, which he is ready to deliver as I may request.