

Respectfully forwarded to Department Head Quarters

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Respectfully referred to Gov. Bradford of Maryland with the charges against Bloomfield with the request that the Governor will remove him from under the control of the Military Authorities by which he is now confined.

Being insane he cannot be tried and his insanity takes such a form as to render it dangerous to the Community for him to be permitted to run at large.

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For Copy of Charges see Letter file enclosed in the above communication

To His Excellency A. W. Bradford

Governor of Maryland

The undersigned, Citizens of Charles County, respectfully represent: That there is a Cavalry force stationed at Chapel Point in this Co. and which has been so stationed for several months; That the said Cavalry belongs to the Command of Col. Swain, and is generally commanded by a Captain; That some short time before Christmas, the Commissioners of Charles County appointed a Police force of seventeen men, to keep order among our Slave population, more especially during the Christmas Holidays; That long before the present War, a much stronger force was very often organized for the same purpose, and that a Patrol has always been used in the County and has been found indispensable to repress disorder and to prevent stealing among our Slave population; That shortly after the appointment of said Police, Col. Swain came down to the County, and declared that he would permit no Police force, or any other addition to the Civil Government of the County to be made — the proof of this act of Col. Swain is hereto appended: —

That said Col. Swain at the time of his visit carried away on the boat with him a large number of slaves, many of them against their will — the proof of which is also hereto appended: —

That at the same time he invited certain negroes to leave their owners, and go with him — the proof of which is also appended: —

The undersigned know of no law Civil or Military, which justifies the interference of Col. Swain with the Civil Administration of the County, or which authorizes him to forcibly seize and carry off our Slave property or invite slaves to run off from their owners; We therefore appeal