

to your Excellency, as the Governor of the State and whose duty it is, to see that the laws are properly executed, to protect us in what we believe to be our just Constitutional and legal rights; To that end we respectfully request your Excellency to ask the proper Authorities at Washington to remove said Swain's Command from this County, and replace it by a Command which will attend to its Military duties, and not causelessly interfere with the property or rights of Citizens of the County

Signed by H. D. H. Burgess and 33 other Citizens  
of Charles County

For Affidavits see Letter file enclosed in the above Memorial

State of Maryland  
Executive Department  
Annapolis July 20<sup>th</sup> 1863

Major Genl. R. C. Schenck  
Comdg. Middle Department &c  
General:

In the interview I had with you a few evenings since I took occasion to call to your attention a Complaint which had been made to me by a large number of the most respectable Citizens of Charles County touching the conduct of a Military officer having the Command of a Cavalry force stationed in that County. Not having with me at the time of that interview the papers relating to this subject which had been laid before me, I could not present the details as distinctly as was advisable, and was not altogether certain that I was correct in my recollection of the name of the officer whose conduct was chiefly complained of. I understood from you that the particular portion of our State referred to had only been transferred to your Command within a few days preceding, and it was probable that a complete Report had not been furnished you of all the forces in that District or the names of their Commanders: And although you could not on reference to these Reports find the name of Col. Swain as having any connection with the Command in that County, you were good enough to say, that if upon recurrence to the statements filed with me I found that I was correct in my recollection of the name of the officer, and he should appear to have any connection with the Command in that County you would open a Correspondence with him with a view to a removal of the cause of Complaint which his conduct had furnished —

Since my return here, I have read over again all the papers left with me and find that I was right in my recollection of the officer's name and that his conduct as noticed in several of the affidavits presented is even more reprehensible than I represented.