

be carried with him his wife belonging to a neighbor of mine Alexander Martin. I wish you to make an effort to get him by requisition upon the Government as the Armed force there refused to give up all that enters the lines; several indeed (many has lost slaves and desires to know what you can or will do in the matter, my negro man is named George Mall (he may have given some other name), the Commanders name is Maj. John Carter Brown. Will you be so kind as to answer this and state what you will do —

I am with great respect

Your obtt. servt.

John D. Freeman

State of Maryland  
Executive Department

Annapolis Jan'y 21<sup>st</sup> 1863

John D. Freeman Esq  
Sir:

I have received yours of 16<sup>th</sup> Inst. complaining of the loss of a negro man belonging to you who has made his way to the Military Post at Point Look-out and desiring me to make some effort to recover him — The case is one like many others involved in practical difficulties, growing out of the condition of the Country, and with which it is impossible for the Civil Authorities to deal as they might at other times. The Chief difficulty, I presume, in your case arises out of the Act of Congress prohibiting Military Commanders from interfering to restore fugitive slaves who are within their lines — You state that this man robbed you before he left, and this may present a consideration that may lead to his arrest — I would therefore suggest that you make an affidavit distinctly setting forth the crime committed by him, stating when and what he stole and describing him, and that upon that you have a Warrant issued for his arrest; — If you will send to me this affidavit and warrant, I will forward them to Genl. Schenck whose Department now includes Point Look-out, and he will I think authorize the service of the process and the delivery of the man —

Yours very Respectfully

A. W. Bradford

Baltimore January 21<sup>st</sup> 1863

Gov. Bradford

Dear Sir:

Your letter of 20<sup>th</sup> enclosing papers in the case of Bloomfield came to hand to day. The case is provided for as you suggest by Sec. 6<sup>th</sup> of Art. 38 but the jurisdiction to carry out the section in this case is not in the Criminal