

Court of Baltimore City — The section proceeds on the ground that the party is about to be tried for some offence — Now the offence which this man has committed was done in either Anne Arundel, Howard or Prince George's County (not knowing the exact locality I can't say which) and the Court of that County must have the jurisdiction to try the offence and to try the sanity of the party. The mere fact that the man is in the City jail by the action of the Military Authorities does not give us jurisdiction — If declared a Lunatic he would be sent to a Hospital at the expense of the City of Baltimore, altho he is not a resident of the City nor has committed any offence within its limits.

Independent of any difficulty about jurisdiction I think this would be unjust to the City which has so heavy a sum to pay for the support of Lunatics — I will take any steps necessary to hand the party over to the County where the offence was committed, I can have a Bench warrant issued against him on the papers sent by Genl. Schenck and send the man and the warrant to the Sheriff of the County — and notify them of the fact of his Insanity.

If you are informed what County the offence was committed in it will aid me — The locality specified is the little Patuxent Bridge near Annapolis Junction — I suppose however I can find the lines out easily, I have mentioned the matter to Judge Bond and he concurs in this view.

Very truly Yours

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Dear Sir:

I have enquired as to the whereabouts of the little Patuxent Bridge and am told it is in Anne Arundel County —

The disposition you propose to make of Bloomfield's case when turned over by Genl. Schenck — of sending him to the County where the offence is charged to have been committed, is I suppose all that can be done with it — You ought however, I think, to call the attention of the County Authorities particularly to his condition and prevent if possible his being turned loose again in that condition upon the neighborhood

Yours very Respectfully
H. W. Bradford