

State of Maryland
Executive Department
Annapolis Jan'y. 27th 1863

Major Genl. R. L. Schenck
Commanding 8th Army Corps &c
General:

Experience is teaching us that a Cavalry Company is not by any means an available force for hunting up and bringing in stragglers from the drafted men in the several counties, and that if this can be accomplished at all it must be by means of some detective force in these counties — I wrote you a few days since saying that you might withdraw Captain Watkins' Cavalry Company from Charles County, and now influenced by the considerations above suggested, and with the concurrence of Genl. Shriver Commanding the Rendezvous of drafted men at Baltimore, I desire to turn over to you Captain Clayton's Company of Cavalry now stationed at this Rendezvous, as being no longer required or available for the discharge of any duties connected with that camp.

I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully

Your obt. Servt.

A. W. Bradford

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H. B. Burgess Esq.

Sir:

On the day on which you with some other citizens of your County called on me (16th Inst.) and made your representations in relation to the conduct of Col. Swain in interfering to prevent your County Police arrangements, and in also inducing slaves to escape &c, I learned that the Command of the Military in that County had been within a few days preceding transferred from Genl. Weintzelman to Genl. Schenck, and made a part of the Military Department placed entirely under the Command of the latter — As the readiest means therefore of bringing your complaints promptly to the notice of the proper Authorities I called on Genl. Schenck the evening of the same day I saw you and made known to him, with the request that he would take such measures as would remove further cause for them — He replied that the forces in that County had been only transferred to him a few days before and he had not yet received a Report of all the officers connected with their Command; he promised me however that as soon as Col. Swain's name was reported to him as having any Command there, he would open a correspondence with him with the view to prevent in the future any such conduct as that of which you complained —

On returning to Annapolis, with the view of bringing