

From what Mr. Harmandis writes me you must have entirely misunderstood the connection between the State and your Command. He represents you as saying that "this was entirely a State affair and that the expenses were to be paid by funds provided by the State."

This is a great mistake. The State has not paid nor is it expected to pay a cent on account of such expenses, but on the contrary they are provided exclusively by the Government, through the Qu. Master's Dept. I beg therefore that you will at once, and with the view of an immediate payment for the Grain thus seized, see Col. Belger on the subject and forward to Mr. Harmandis a liberal compensation for his property thus taken. To ensure a prompt attention to the matter, I shall also write myself to Col. Belger on the subject.

Yours very Respy.

A. W. Bradford.

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Executive Chamber

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Col. James Belger

Qu. Master Middle Dept.

Colonel:

I have just received a Complaint from Mr. James Harmandis living near Bel Air Harford Co. of the Conduct of a foraging party from the Company of Cavalry commanded by Captain Clayton, in violently and against the owners remonstrance, and with drawn weapons &c compelling his servants to deliver to them 15 Bushels of his oats. Such a proceeding in that part of the County was I am sure entirely unnecessary as all supplies of that description could have been procured from persons willing to sell. It was all the more unjustifiable from the fact that Mr. Harmandis has been for years a paralyzed cripple utterly unable to move about. All that we can do in such a matter is to promptly tender a liberal payment for property so seized, and though it was comparatively but a trifle I hope you will agree with me in the propriety of forwarding to the owner without delay a liberal allowance for the grain so taken.

I have written to Captain Clayton on the subject and directed him to report to you the quantity taken &c and hope Colonel. that you will agree in the view I have taken, and by a proper compensation immediately tendered to Mr. Harmandis leave him as little ground to complain as possible.

Yours very Respy.

A. W. Bradford