

Baltimore February 5<sup>th</sup> 1863

John M. Carter Esq  
Private Secy. to the Governor

Dear Sir:

I have received your note of 2<sup>nd</sup> Inst. informing me that the Governor had appointed me to act as Assistant Counsel for the State in the cases against Lewis Sutton & J. W. Walker, late Notaries Public

Will you be so good as to express my acknowledgements to the Governor, and to say that I accept the appointment, and that I will perform the duties of the office to the best of my ability

Very Respy.

Thos. Donaldson

State of Maryland  
Executive Department

Annapolis February 9<sup>th</sup> 1863

A. Stirling Jr. Esq  
States Atty. for Baltimore City  
Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that on application of the Comptroller and agreeing with him that the suits now pending on the part of the State against Lewis Sutton and John W. Walker upon their Bonds as Notaries Public involve principles of great importance to the financial interests of the State he has employed Thos. Donaldson Esq. to assist you in the prosecution of said suits.

Very Respy.

Your obdt. servt

John M. Carter  
Private Secy

Head Quarters Middle Dept. 8<sup>th</sup> Army Corps  
Baltimore Md. February 8<sup>th</sup> 1863

His Excellency Gov. Bradford  
Annapolis Md.

Dear Sir:

At an interview I had some days ago, with the Secretary of War, he suggested the propriety of closing or breaking up, the camps for drafted men, in the State of Maryland; and I was inclined myself to think, and so informed him, that they could perhaps be no longer usefully continued.

Permit me to call your attention to this subject, and to ask your opinion as to the advantage of continuing any longer the two rendezvous at Camp Bradford and at Easton, or whether if one of them is to be retained it will