

not be better to transfer every thing from Easton to Camp
Bradford.

I doubt whether the results of drafting in Maryland
are any longer equal to the expense of the machinery in
keeping it up.

I am very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.

Robt. L. Schenck

Major Genl. Comdg.

State of Maryland

Executive Department

Annapolis Feby. 10th 1863

Major Genl. R. L. Schenck

Comdg. Middle Department &c

Dear Sir:

I have received yours of 8th Inst. re-
ferring to the suggestions of the Secretary of War, and intimating
your own concurrence therein as to the breaking up of the Camps
for drafted men in this State, at least so far as to transfer the Camp
at Easton to the similar Rendezvous near Baltimore, and thus for
the present consolidate the two —

All circumstances considered I cannot but concur in
the views you take and have therefore enclosed an order to Genl.
Goldsborough commanding the Rendezvous at Easton, to transfer
by such transportation as you may furnish, all the men and
property connected with that Camp to the Rendezvous at Balti-
more — I have written to Genl. Goldsborough stating the reasons
for this proceeding, and as possibly some of the men at that Camp
may attempt to evade the transfer should such a purpose come
to their knowledge, I would respectfully suggest the propriety of
sending over at once a Steam Boat to accomplish the object, pro-
vided with such a Guard as will ensure the immediate observance
of the order —

I have just received to day another Communication
from the Committee of Citizens in Charles County touching the
negro troubles in that neighborhood which I ask leave to bring to
your notice — The Committee after expressing their gratification
at the assurance you gave me that such conduct as that im-
puted to Col. Swan would meet with no countenance from you,
and especially at the further fact that this officer had no further
connection with the Command in that County, proceed to state
that they have been still annoyed by his expeditions in that
neighborhood that he visited Chapel Point in a Steamer on the 2nd
Inst. and carried away with him some fifteen Slaves belonging to
the County; that he called on Mr. Nally the party making one of
the affidavits I furnished to you and told him if he did not retract
the statements he had there sworn to he would arrest and carry him