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to arrest and suppress the proceedings of which we complain, that may be in your power — We are not unmindful of the difficulty of your position; but at the same time we feel convinced that Maryland's Chief Executive Officer will never permit the people over whom he rules, to be outraged in their rights of person and property, if any thing he can do, can prevent it.

We have the honor to remain

Your Excellency's most obliged and obedient servants

H. B. J. Burgess

James W. Neale

Geo. P. Jenkins

Peregrine Davis

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Gov. Bradford

To day the Pay Master visited us for the payment of the Regt. By the Rolls it would appear that Major Blumenberg has been made Lieut. Colonel and paid to the 31st of December. This I have received no notice of, and would seem not so. On the 10th of Dec. I have a letter from you stating that the letter of mine sending forward certain names for appt. was received and Coms. issued — but my letter was the "first intelligence you had of the resignation of Lt. Col. Holland." Your Coms of the 10th of Dec. were received on the 12th of Jan'y. 1863, they having been detained at Halmouth Va. If Blumenberg was made Lt. Col. it must have been after that date, but that would seem not so, when on the 30th of Jan'y. I received the last promotions and yet no mention of that appt. It is now six months and the Major is still unfit for duty, and yet he is paid and provided for, while the duties of the Regt. are done by others. Captain Wolton served with much credit throughout the fight, and fought gallantly, and I think in all good conscience is entitled to as much favor and respect as the Major. I am aware of and do not deny your power or right, and if the Major is appointed Lt. Col. Camberger should be made Major, as he ranks next to Blumenberg — I hardly think the Governor will appoint me two incompetent and disabled officers to the highest places, leaving me alone as the Field officer without any assistance. I am much indebted for your courtesy and uniform attention to the appts. of my Regt. and those whom I have named, and hardly think that the Gov. will place my recommendation below that of my lower officer — I can hardly think that the influence or demand of Major Blumenberg, my inferior officer, would be taken against mine — if so I should hold but little authority in my Regt. and less at the hands of the Gov. of our State. My Regt. is in fine condition and well officered, and I think I have shown to my State and the Army the result of hard work, good will, energy and determination. At your bidding and proclamation I undertook the tedious, tiresome and worrying position of