

this appointment as without explanation it might appear to conflict with Sec. 14 General Order 57 Series 1861 — I however made application some ten days since to the Secretary of War for leave to commission Captain Tuckers notwithstanding his resignation of a Commission in another Regiment and the Secretary was pleased to grant such permission, and in view of the situation of the Maryland Regiments, some being recruited for absolute service and others limited to service within the state, the Secretary authorized me to exercise a discretion in qualifying when necessary the application of the General Order referred to.

Yours very Respy
A. W. Bradford

Great Mills St. Marys County
February 25th 1863

To His Excellency Governor Bradford

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will receive my deposition also a warrant for the apprehension of my man George Hall now at Point Look-out; you will be so kind as to obtain an order for his delivery.

Maryland is part of the Union and I cannot understand why the Government should do anything to deprive us of our property. The Constitution recognizes slaves as property; the Proclamation of His Excellency the President of the U.S. has exempted the state and I therefore cannot understand why we are deprived of them. My man has committed a theft, which is a greater reason why he should be delivered up. Will you be so kind as to get an order for his wife & child if possible, I am an old man and ill able to sustain such a loss, and therefore respectfully request you to make an effort for me

I am with great respect
Yours obt. serot.

John D. Freeman

State of Maryland
Executive Department
Annapolis March 2nd 1863

John D. Freeman Esq.

Dear Sir:

I have received your letter of 25th Ult. enclosing your affidavit touching a larceny committed by a negro George Hall, with a warrant for his arrest &c; and stating that he is believed to be within the lines of the Army at Point Look out, you request that I will procure an order for his delivery —

I should at once forward this warrant & affidavit to Major Genl. Schenck the Commander of this Military Department with a request that he would authorize the service of this process, but that from circumstances within my knowledge I do not think