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suggestions to the Mayor referring to an appointment after I found that
such appointment had been confided to him and not to me —

Yours very Respectfully
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Head Quarters Scotts 900 U. S. Vol. Cavalry
Camp Relief, Washington D. C. February 15th 1863

To The Assistant Adjutant General,
Hd. Qrs. 8th Army Corps, Baltimore Md.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a letter from Gov. Bradford of Maryland, to yourself and the document by which it was accompanied.

With the letter of Gov. Bradford I have nothing to do; my Command at Chapel Point was not in any manner subject to the Authorities of Maryland.

The statement of Judge Brent while professing to give the spirit and letter of my conference with him is in reality ingenious and jesuitical misrepresentation. Captain Kenyon under my orders, was in Command of a Company stationed at Chapel Point. In performance of my duties I visited the Command for the purpose of inspecting its condition; I had done so and was preparing to come away, but detained by the non-arrival of the boat, which had gone to Point Look-out. In the course of conversation with Captain Kenyon he stated to me that Judge Brent had applied to him to act in concert with Commissioners to maintain a Patrol which the Commissioners had determined to establish, and Capt. Kenyon asked me what he should do in the matter.

Under my general instructions I understood it to be my duty to prevent the existence of any armed bodies. I went with Captain Kenyon, my Adjutant and the late Lieut. Colonel of my Regiment, to call upon Judge Brent and state my views to him. You will recollect that he had invited a consultation. I stated frankly why my Command could not permit an armed Control, viz: That I believed it to be in conflict with my orders. Judge Brent stated explicitly "he desired to argue the propriety of the Patrol." I answered that as an officer I had no right to argue such a question, and that I conceived I had no discretion in the matter, that I was in Genl. Weintzelman's Command; that he had full authority in the matter, that the Commissioners had better apply to him, and that if he gave permission my Command would of course acknowledge that authority.

There was some after conversation entirely un-
official, and I returned to the Camp. The statement made by Dr. Wills is entirely untrue as will be seen by the statement of Major Kenyon. We were riding along together some distance in advance of other officers, and the only remark I made to the old negro man was "Well, unole you are trying to drain the road, — Are you?"