

of an inmate in some particular Hospital to some other nearer to friends and home, and where the transfer could work no possible detriment to the Government and would be allowed, if some one was at hand competent to make the proper representation.

These together with innumerable other requirements connected with the personal comfort and proper nourishment of the sick and wounded Soldiers and despite all that is done on such account by our benevolent Citizens and Societies, would all seem to indicate as a necessity essential to a proper exercise of the care to which such men are entitled, the appointment of some Agent on the part of the State whose especial business it would be to see that such wants were as far as possible supplied.

You are aware that there has been no appropriation by our State heretofore out of which I could promise compensation to such an Agent, but remembering the interest you have taken in this subject and the gratuitous devotion of your services heretofore in a benevolence of a kindred kind, I am in hopes that you will be willing to undertake the agency to which I have referred. — I will take upon myself to pay out of the Executive Contingent fund all reasonable personal expenses connected with your agency as you shall from time to time present accounts for the same.

If you accept, as I trust you will this office of benevolence, you will consider yourself hereby constituted and appointed an Agent for the purpose designated, the first duty connected with which will of course be to ascertain by a visit to all the Hospitals in the State or the neighborhood of it, the Maryland Soldiers now confined therein, and make a proper list of the same with a note of the condition of each of them, accompanied with such other remarks as such a visit may suggest.

I am very Respectfully
Your obdt. Servt.

A. W. Bradford

State of Maryland
Executive Department
Annapolis March 13th 1863

Brig. Genl. M. W. Goldsborough
Comdg. Rendezvous of Drafted men of Eastern Shore
Dear Sir:

As I am anxious with as little delay as possible to close up all accounts connected with the Draft from this State, I have procured from Genl. Shriver the Commandant of the drafted force of this Shore a Report of all proceedings connected with his Camp up to the 1st Inst. and now only await a similar Report from you to complete the account for the whole State — As the best means of conveying an idea of the subjects the report should embrace as well as for the sake of uniformity in the statement of the proceedings of the two Camps, I enclose herewith a copy of Genl. Shriver's report (omitting the Tables) and you will oblige me by furnishing at your earliest convenience one to the same effect giving the proceedings of your Rendezvous.