

I take the occasion to say, that I understand some of the substitutes lately sent over from Camp Hicks to Camp Bradford and since then transferred to Regiments in the field, are anxious to receive the amount of their deposits, and hope you will make an early provision for its being forwarded to them. If you would transmit the amount to Genl. Shriver with an accompanying statement of the men entitled to receive it, it would perhaps be as ready a mode as any of remitting it to the Regiment, as it seems they expected to receive it from him or through his hands at the time they were assigned to the Regiments.

With great Respect

Your obedt. Servt.

A. W. Bradford

Port Tobacco March 12th 1863

His Excellency

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Sir:

We avail ourselves of the present occasion respectfully to acknowledge the receipt of your favor bearing date 16th U.S. with the accompanying statement of Col. Swain and those of Major Kanyon and Surgeon Kilder—

Enclosed your Excellency will find the statements relative to the matters referred to in Col. Swain's letter, of Hon. George Brent & Dr. Wills.

You will perceive that these Gentlemen design these papers as their rejoinders to Col. Swain, and further, that they desire them to be placed on file with the other papers in the Adjutant General's Office of the Eighth Army Corps, as their exposition of the occurrences which form the subject of the matters in controversy.

We feel assured that it will afford your Excellency pleasure to do whatever may be in your power to have the wishes of these Gentlemen complied with in this particular, while at the same time we would respectfully say that if our own desires in the premises could give any weight to those of the Gentlemen above named, we would feel under additional obligation to you for the exercise of your kind offices in giving the papers the required disposition—

We would here remark that we would be false to ourselves and to the honor and respect we entertain for Dr. H. R. Wills (whose veracity has been so unequivocally called in question by Col. Swain in his statement to the Assistant Adjutant General—Eighth Army Corps) if we did not here take occasion to remark to your Excellency that we have known Dr. Wills intimately for many years,—that he is a gentleman of the highest respectability of character—and that as far as our knowledge extends, his reputation for veracity and truth has never before been questioned—We would further add, that we know of no one whose word can be more implicitly relied upon than Dr. Wills.

Since the receipt of your Excellency's letter we have learned that a change in the status of the Military at Chapel Point has been determined upon—Col. Maule's Regiment, we are informed, has been ordered to that locality, and Col. Swain's Command (at least two Companies of it) withdrawn.