

We look forward to the consummation of this arrangement with the liveliest satisfaction, feeling assured, as we do, that the oppressions under which our people have been laboring so long, will be speedily ended on the advent of Col. Maulsby's Command. — We believe we are warranted in the expression of this opinion from the fact that Col. M. is a distinguished citizen of our own State, favorably known throughout its borders for the possession of those attributes that constitute the true Soldier and Gentleman. — We are further confirmed in the expression of this opinion from the fact that his Command is composed chiefly if not entirely, of those who are citizens of Maryland and who as such possess too much pride of character to condescend to the commission of such depredations upon unarmed and peaceful citizens —

In connection with the above fact (the removal of Col. Swains Command) we would respectfully call your Excellency's attention to the fact that there is still at Chapel Point one Company of "Scott's 900", who have by no means refrained from that obnoxious course of conduct which has already inflicted so much injury upon our people — In fact the old state of affairs still continues — negroes are still enticed into, and harbored within their camp — and owners are not allowed to reclaim them — According to the most reliable evidence we can get, there are now some thirty or forty negroes — men, women and children, within the camp, awaiting transportation to Washington — We do not wish to be at all troublesome to your Excellency, but we could not refrain from mentioning these facts to you, resting assured as we do, that if the evil can be remedied by the withdrawal of this company or in any other way, your Excellency will do all in your power to protect the interests of the citizens of Maryland —

In conclusion, though your communication is silent touching the contemplated change above referred to, yet we feel that we are mainly indebted for the benefits we so sanguinely anticipate from it, to your kind offices — We would therefore renew to your Excellency our expressions of the deep sense of the obligation we feel under to you, for the exercise of these kind offices in our behalf, as well as our sense of the urbanity and courtesy manifested by you towards us, throughout this somewhat protracted intercourse —

We have the honor to remain Your Excellency's
Much obliged and humble servants

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