

Citizens having cause of complaint have but to address me. Those that without law commit lawless acts, must not complain if conciliation extends not to them.
I shall always defer to the wishes of your Excellency in these matters, and respect your counsels.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.

Wm. M. Lockwood
Brig. Genl. Comdg.

Baltimore April 3rd 1863

To His Excellency A. W. Bradford
Governor of Maryland

Sir:

The regard due to the rights and interests of the religious organization which we represent, impells us to call your attention to the misunderstanding of the facts and principles embodied in our former communication, which persuades your reply of March 10th.

And we are sure, that the interests of the question involved will be to your Excellency, a sufficient apology for this second intrusion upon your time.

We do not claim to be thoroughly informed as to the technical distinctions between the various departments of Government, and there may have been wanting in the form of our address to you, as Governor of the State, the full sense of the distinctive rights and functions of each.

We had no intention to disregard these, nor would we, by any word or act, induce any one Department to trench upon the prerogatives of the others.

But we did not suppose that the functions of the Governor were confined to any mere technical routine of performance. We were rather accustomed to look to the Governor as the guardian of the rights and honor of the State, sworn to see her Constitution and Laws faithfully observed and enforced, and prepared at least to use his official influence to uphold and maintain the interests, secured by law to the very least of her citizens, whenever made cognizant of any assault thereupon.

The history of the past two years has quite satisfied us of the entire futility of any appeal to the Judiciary, nor had we any disposition to bring about collision between these two — We preferred to employ means more congenial to the spirit of our religion, and sure, as we still are, that the official influence of the Governor of the State might be used with effect to relieve us of the embarrassments and disabilities under which we now labor as a Church.

In appealing to you to exercise that influence, we naturally endeavored to make it clear, that we were not in any sense, or to any extent an offending party — that, we had not brought ourselves under the operation of that qualifying clause of the Constitution, to which you refer, namely, "unless under color of religion any man shall