

all others, and that therefore the State having made payments under that Act would be entitled to have at least the interest thereon secured as the first lien on the property of the Company, notwithstanding that the Creditors' Mortgage is the first upon the Record.

In this view of the case it might become important in case of a sale under the Creditors' Mortgage that Bidders at such sale should be notified of the claims of the State to a priority to the extent and for the reasons suggested — If for no other reasons therefore than to watch these Creditor proceedings, attend any sale thereunder and notify bidders of the claims of the State, I think it desirable she should have Counsel and as I understand from your letter that there is nothing to prevent your acceptance of such a trust, you will please consider yourself Counsel on the part of the State to take any measures that may be deemed expedient to protect her interests so far as involved in any proceeding now pending against said Company.

Very Respectfully

Your obt. Servt.

A. W. Bradford

State of Maryland
Executive Department

Annapolis May 29. 1863

Lt. Col. R. N. Bowerman

Sir:

I have received your letter of 26th Inst. and am somewhat surprised at its contents. From it I learn that after having commissioned you as Colonel of the 4th Maryland Regiment upon repeated and urgent solicitations upon your part or your friends, you have retained that Commission in your pocket for two months, assumed the rank and title of Colonel in your communications with this Department, and now address me under the style of Lt. Colonel of the Regiment and inform me that you have never mustered in as Colonel lest a possible consolidation of the Companies of your Command might cause you to be mustered out. And it would seem that you only now inform me that you are still retaining both commissions since hearing that another had been appointed Lt. Colonel to fill the vacancy supposed to be made by your promotion — I cannot forbear saying that I think it was clearly your duty to have declined the Commission as Colonel whenever you came to entertain any doubts of the propriety of relinquishing your first appointment.

Not having mustered in as Colonel of the 4th Regiment that Commission is now revoked, and of which you are hereby notified —

Yours Respectfully

A. W. Bradford