

Many Gentlemen of well known loyalty have suffered in like manner and are compelled to look to future provision of the Government to meet the damages occasioned by such proceedings —

All that can be done at present towards securing indemnity for such losses is to have a proper estimate made of the damages sustained and by taking the testimony of sworn witnesses having knowledge of the facts, perpetuate it with the view of establishing the claim hereafter, when the Government shall make, as it doubtless will, provision for all its loyal Citizens who have suffered by reason of the proceedings of its Army.

Very Respectfully  
Your obtt. Servt.

A. W. Bradford

Bedford Springs August 13<sup>th</sup> 1863

Hon. E. M. Stanton

Secretary of War  
Dear Sir:

I beg leave most respectfully to request your attention to the enclosed Communication I have just received from Hon. Alexander Randall. St. John's College to which it refers, is an ancient Institution of learning to which many of our Citizens are warmly attached, and which, for the reasons set forth by Mr. R., unless absolutely necessary for Government Service, I sincerely hope may not be disturbed by its Authority — Such a necessity I can hardly suppose exists; not only are all the Buildings of the Naval School open to Hospital purposes and better adapted to such purpose than any other, but the Government already occupies the greater part of all the College Buildings, and under a Contract which expressly reserves to the use of the College the Building now referred to — the only one left it.

I therefore hope that the Surgeon General may for the present at least, abstain from any occupation of the reserved Building, and respect the agreement under which the other Buildings of the College have been granted to the Government.

I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully,  
Your obtt. Servt.

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