

resting upon me — I trust when I inform your Excellency, that your letter of May 29th never reached me, that this imputation will be removed — this letter should have reached me at Harpers Ferry, had it done so, the unavoidable situation I am now in, would have been avoided —

A fuller explanation I deem is required from me in reference to my not mustering when the Commission was first received, when you honored me with the promotion, I judged you did so to advance me in the service, it certainly would not have done so if I mustered in only to be mustered out, both Genl. Kenly and myself were fearful of this, under the order that appeared just at that time from the War Dept. — I did not think there would be any impropriety in delaying the muster for a short time particularly as Major Brooks brought me the message from you that no appointment to the vacant field officer's position would be made only on recommendation from us both — General Kenly and Major Brooks thought the same and their advice was to the same effect as they both knew my desire was to remain in the service —

If my not mustering in when the Commission was first received lost me your confidence, I am exceedingly sorry for it, I had no intention of embarrassing you in any manner, I have always endeavored to discharge my duty so as to merit your approbation.

I have shown Genl. Kenly your letter and also this, he thinks and I hopefully too, that this statement will be entirely satisfactory to you — the non-reception by me of your letter of 29th May I now inform you of, and its contents you now make me acquainted with for the first time in your letter of 27th Inst. if after the explanation you still consider the Colonelcy of this Regiment vacant, please advise me at your earliest convenience.

I was mustered at Middleburg Va. during the return of the Army Potomac from Williamsport Md. to the Rappahannock by Genl. Kenly's Staff Ast. Com. Musterers, on the 21st July to date from April 4th the day the Commission was placed in my hands —

I have the honor to remain

Very Respy Your most obdt. Servt.

Richd. N. Bowerman

Col. Comdg. 4th Md. Infy.

Office of the Acty. Ast. Prov. Mgr. Genl
for Maryland and Delaware

Baltimore September 4th 1863

His Excellency Augustus W. Bradford
Governor of Maryland,

Sir:

I respectfully call the attention of your Excellency to the fact that a number of persons in this City, are engaged in the business of furnishing substitutes to parties beyond the limits of this State.

I am of opinion that the interests of the Citizens