

of the State, in view of the approaching Draft, as well as the condition of the recruiting service in Maryland, demand that the business be discontinued.

I have the honor to request an expression of your views touching the subject.

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Very resp^y. Your obt^d. Serv^t.

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Major N. L. Jeffries

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Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of yours of 4th Inst. calling my attention to the fact that a number of persons in the City of Baltimore are engaged in the business of furnishing substitutes to persons beyond the limits of the State, and expressing the opinion that the interests of the State and the condition of the recruiting service require a discontinuance of the practice —

It is very probable that the Draft in States North of us, preceding, as it has done the Draft in Maryland, has caused a demand in this State for substitutes abroad greater than would otherwise be the case — But immediately after our Draft in 1862 that trade took a different direction and many were, I think, then brought into this State from abroad, to take the place of our drafted men. Such in all probability will be the case again after the making of our next Draft, so that it is difficult to say how in the end the balance of this trade will be, or whether we shall gain or lose by its operation —

But conceding that we shall be the loser, I am not aware of any power that I possess to arrest the practice and to compel our citizens to remain within the State — If such a power can be applied it will require, I apprehend, the interposition of the Military Authorities.

Very Respectfully

Your obt^d. Serv^t

A. W. Bradford