

and that you will not suffer such a policy to be continued unless these exigencies do so require it; that you will then exhibit the necessity that demands it, so clearly that it may be placed beyond doubt and in enforcing the Requisition, will apportion it with such even handed justice that no loyal State or Citizen will have reason to complain.

I have the honor to be

With great respect

Your obdt. servt.

A. W. Bradford

(Telegram)

War Department, Wash. D. C. 1863

to Mr. Bradford

was received in person at 10 o'clock.

Saturday to get up definitely in writing the matter about which

Mr. Secretary has been a communication from you.

in each

Baltimore October 3rd 1863

Hon. E. M. Stanton

Secretary of War

Dear Sir:

Since leaving you this afternoon my further reflection on the subject of our interview satisfies me, as I think it will you, that the time allowed - thirty days, for the enlistment of Slaves offered by their owners, is entirely too short. - When you remember what a slow process enlistment is, even under the most favorable circumstances, we can hardly hope to make the required progress in the short time suggested. - The notice itself will scarcely have proper circulation in less than half that time, and although a few may be ready at once to respond to it, some preparation with the most is unavoidable. - Besides, a novel experiment of the kind will have various prejudices to encounter, and must necessarily be a subject of some discussion and deliberation before definitely adopted. - Thirty days will be entirely too short a period to furnish a fair trial of the experiment. - Let me beg therefore that you will make the time sixty days at least.

I can not forbear again attempting to impress upon you my views of passing no order at this time commanding a resort, at any specified period, to enlistment without the owners consent. - Independently of the fact that various provisions would seem to be required in connection with that branch of the case necessary to guard against the irregularities which have heretofore prevailed, which can be all better matured hereafter, if thought necessary again to resort to that process - every point of view from which I can regard it seems to counsel such delay. - The right to resort to such enlistments might if you thought proper be still expressly reserved, and not only does the exhausted condition of the productive labor of the State - as I urged upon you to-day - require, but the good will of our people towards the Government would be greatly promoted, and the success of Constitutional State Emancipation secured, by suspending this compulsory enlistment until after we have made the experiment of enlisting with the owners consent. - Let me beg you Sir, to take the matter again into consideration, and to confer with the President again if you are still inclined to differ with me. - At all events enlarge the time for the first experiment to sixty days.