

I would suggest as a further amendment to that clause in the order which requires the recruiting officer to furnish a claimant with descriptive list &c, to enable him to ascertain whether the slave has got into camp without consent, that he should be also required to allow the claimant a personal inspection of his recruits, as the mere descriptive list might not be sufficient to enable him to identify - I hope I may have the opportunity of seeing the order before you finally pass or promulgate it.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
A. W. Bradford

War Department
Washington City,
October 5th 1863

His Excellency A. W. Bradford
Governor of Maryland
Annapolis, Md. - Dear Sir:

I have the honor to
enclose to you a copy of the order and regulations concerning which
we had our conversation on Saturday.

Yours truly
Edwin M. Stanton

Copy
War Department
Washington City
October 5th 1863

Whereas the exigencies of the War require that colored
Troops should be recruited in the States of Maryland and Tennessee,
it is Ordered,

That the Chief of the Bureau for organizing colored troops
shall establish recruiting stations at convenient places within said
States, and give public notice thereof, and be governed by the following
regulations:

1st None but able-bodied persons shall be enlisted.

2nd The State and County in which the enlistments are made
shall be credited with the recruits enlisted.

3rd All persons enlisted into the Military service shall forever
thereafter be free.

4th Free persons, and slaves, with the written consent of their
owners, and slaves belonging to those who have been engaged in, or given aid
and comfort to the rebellion, may be enlisted, the owners who have not been
engaged in or given aid to the rebellion being entitled to receive compensation,