

The numbers of class I enrolled in the first three Districts of Maryland are severally 13936, 11492 and 14644, and the quotas severally 2787, 2208 and 2933.

In pursuance of the last clause of the section of the law just referred to, the President has directed that the numbers of troops furnished by States in excess of all previous calls upon them should be deducted from the quota, or one-fifth of the number enrolled in Class I, and the draft be made in such States for the remainder.

By a return from the office of the Adjutant General, dated June 30th 1863, it appears that the State of Maryland was at that time deficient upon the calls of 1861 and 1862 to the extent of (13803) thirteen thousand eight hundred and three men. Three thousand and six hundred (some of these being six months men and counting but $\frac{1}{2}$ th each in determining the amount of credits to be allowed) have since been mustered in; but these, with all the colored troops raised, do not cover the existing deficiency. And this deficiency, you will observe, is not charged to the State, nor to any district, in the present assignment of quotas — From the progress made in raising recruits, whether white or colored, I should think there was not much probability of the State's making up her deficiency very soon.

The attempt to credit particular towns and counties for volunteers heretofore raised has been fully tried with other States and abandoned as entirely impracticable. The accounts of volunteers furnished were kept only with States, and any attempt at this time on the part of the General Government to assign its quotas in accordance with the claims of towns and counties for men heretofore furnished would lead to inextricable confusion. I state this after having made an earnest effort so to assign quotas in other States where the records of men furnished have been kept with fair accuracy.

I have the honor to be

Very Respy. Your Obedt. Servt.

James B. Fry

Provost Marshal General

State of Maryland

Executive Department

Annapolis October 19th 1863

Wm. C. C. Stanton

Secretary of War

Sir:

I received from the Provost Marshal Genl. on the 10th of this month a letter informing me that a draft had been ordered in three of the five Congressional Districts in this State and stating the number to be drafted in each, which amounted in the aggregate of said three Districts to upwards of eight thousand men.

Startled at the number which thus exceeded by more than two thousand, the quota of the entire State on the draft of 1862 on a similar call for three hundred thousand men, I immediately replied to Col. Fry, calling his attention to the fact that no credit had evidently been