

suspended until thirty days after they were appointed and published, but the delay in any such publication, indicated as I was in hopes, some purpose to suspend the whole proceeding —

I was therefore greatly surprised when on Thursday morning last I read in the newspapers the account of the killing of a recruiting officer in Saint Marys County, which was the first intimation I had received since my preceding interview with Mr. Stanton that these enlistments, which he had expressly and in writing as above mentioned ordered to be suspended, were still continued — I called upon the President on that very day — the Secretary of War was absent from the City — brought the matter once more to his attention — complained that such a proceeding should be allowed in the face of the order to suspend it, and was surprised to learn from him that he was not aware of the character of the order which the Secretary had passed — We sent for the Assistant Secretary and after a conference with him, promised Mr. Johnson and myself — (Mr. J. had come in during my interview with the President) that he would immediately telegraph for Genl. Schenck and with him would in the course of that evening make some satisfactory arrangement of the subject, of which he was to inform Mr. Johnson the following day, and Mr. J. was to meet me in Baltimore on Saturday and apprise me of the result — I went to Baltimore but the weather on Saturday probably detained Mr. J. and I am as yet without intelligence of the Presidents action —

You can from this hasty review of a part of my proceedings on this subject judge whether I am justly chargeable with encouraging this proceeding or suffering it without complaint — It has been to me from the first a subject of most anxious solicitude and in which my power to preserve the just rights of the State and avoid at the same time all useless and forcible collisions with the General Government, has fallen far short of my personal inclination — Whatever other efforts I can make with any hope whatever of success shall not be wanting

I am very Respectfully
Your obdt. servt.
A. W. Bradford

State of Maryland,
Executive Department
Annapolis Oct. 28th 1863

Richard J. Gittings Esq.

Dear Sir:

A citation was to-day served upon me in case of a writ of error sued out from Supreme Court at the instance of Washington and Baltimore Turnpike Company against State of Maryland to correct a judgement of Court of Appeals against said Company at suit of the State, and returnable to ensuing December Term of Supreme Court.

Although I have no certain knowledge of the precise character of the case in question, yet my information is