

Head Quarters 3rd Maryland Cavalry
Baltimore November 30th/863

Hon. A. W. Bradford

Governor of Maryland

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I had the honor to forward you an application for promotion in the 3rd Md. Cavalry. Since doing so, I learn that you are dissatisfied with my conduct on the Eastern Shore at the late election. As I was selected by you to command this Regiment, I feel it my duty to explain —

If my explanation is not satisfactory I cheerfully tender my resignation. I cannot consent to hold the command of one of your Regiments, unless I enjoy your confidence; and if I am not fit to command as Colonel, I am not suitable as Lieut. Colonel.

As a soldier I know but one duty, and that is to obey orders. When sent to the Eastern Shore of Maryland, I was careful to get my instructions, and you will perceive by the accompanying papers that I followed my orders to the letter.

I know little of politics generally and nothing of politics in Maryland. I was ordered to arrest certain people, and I arrested them; I was ordered to advise with and take my instructions from the Provost Marshal, and I did so; I was ordered to release these people and reverse the orders of the Provost Marshal and I did so; I had no opinion and certainly no feeling in the matter.

I hasten to lay these matters before you, as the Regiment I have labored so hard to raise and discipline is ordered to the field and should not suffer, as it now does, for lack of officers — on account of any person's ambition, especially of

Your most obdt. Servt.

C. Carroll Tevis

Lt. Col. Comdg. 3rd Md. Cavalry

State of Maryland
Executive Department
Annapolis Dec. 5th 1863

Lieut. Col. C. C. Tevis

3rd Md. Cavalry

Sir:

I have received your letter of 30th Ult. referring to your application for promotion and to your proceedings on the Eastern Shore at the recent election, and undertaking to explain them by certain papers which you send and to the contents of which you refer me. The Papers sent only reached me yesterday; I have given them an attentive perusal and am sorry to say I find nothing in them calculated to justify the most objectionable parts of your proceedings on that occasion; they but confirm my previous impressions of the abuses practised at that Election, and constrain me to change the purpose I had