

refer to, and although bounties within that time have been paid to a considerable amount to volunteer recruits, they were provided by the local authorities of different Counties &c of the State, who prescribed the terms of their payments and have probably exhausted the several amounts appropriated.

Our Legislature will assemble in three weeks from this time and will I have no doubt, make proper provision for payment of Bounties or increased pay, and of which, I think it probable, such cases as you mention, will have their just share

Yours very Resp.

A. W. Bradford

"Telegram"

War Department

December 22nd 1863

His Excellency, A. W. Bradford

Governor of Maryland

The Service is suffering very much by reason of your delay in appointing Col. Tavis Colonel of the Regiment raised by him. He had authority to raise the Regt. and the promise to be Colonel and this was concurred in by you. The Department is informed that you now refuse to appoint Col. Tavis. Will you be pleased to answer by telegraph whether you insist upon that refusal or whether you will appoint Col. Tavis immediately in order that the Government may take such measures as will prevent the injury now being sustained by reason of his non appointment

E. M. Stanton

Secy. of War

"Telegram"

State of Maryland

Executive Department

Annapolis Dec. 24th 1863

Hon. E. M. Stanton

Secy. of War

Your telegram of 22nd Inst. reached here in my absence - I have this moment received it - From my knowledge of the conduct of Lt. Col. Tavis since he was promised the Colonelcy of 3rd Med. Cavalry, I do not consider him a proper officer for that position and have therefore declined to commission him - I see no reason to change that determination

A. W. Bradford

Gov. of Maryland