

as amply sufficient, all the recommendations made by you for appointments in this Regiment, and have I think appointed none of its officers without your express or implied sanction; — Indeed, I believe they have in every instance been suggested by yourself or your Chief of Staff; but the course of Lt. Col. Jervis in connection with the proceedings which took place in Kent County on the eve of the recent Election, and as it would seem in the face of the instructions you had issued, by which, "officers and men are cautioned not to commit or permit any unlawful violence," and that, "they must not enter into political discussions" — satisfies me that he is not the person for such a Command — I may say to you besides that before the occurrences to which I refer, I had received through Military sources and persons acquainted with Lt. Col. Jervis, intimations in direct terms that such an appointment would be very injudicious — I have no one whatever in contemplation for the proposed office, & should be pleased to confer with you on the subject with the view of procuring the best Commander possible. I may also here remark that neither your recommendation nor Col. Jervis' letter suggests that the ten Companies contemplated by the order of the War Dept. are complete, and our Records of previous appointments as well as the Muster Rolls received, would indicate that only Eight Companies were fully organized —

A return of the Muster Rolls or your assurance that the ten Companies were complete, would of course be necessary before any Colonel could be commissioned.

Very Respectfully

Your obt. Servt.

A. W. Bradford

State of Maryland
Executive Department

Annapolis Jan'y. 13th 1864

William Price Esq.

Dear Sir:

I have received yours of 12th Inst. in relation to the suit now pending in Court of Appeals between Visitors of St. Johns College and the late Comptroller of the Treasury Wm. H. Purnell — Your name appears as the only Counsel on behalf of the Comptroller in that case, and if, as your letter seems to imply, you consider any action on my part necessary to warrant your continuance as Counsel in the case, please consider this as an authority to that effect, and give the case your early attention.

Yours truly

A. W. Bradford