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the Counties, I have as yet received no rolls or report of the enlisted men belonging to them. An authority to draw on the Treasury for the required amount, is transmitted as fast as these rolls are received, and I would advise that your Board should immediately convene, and in anticipation of such Executive authority for draft on the Treasury, make provisions by which such draft may be signed without delay by your President and Secretary, without waiting the meeting of the whole Board.

Yours very Respectfully  
A. W. Bradford

same day a copy of the foregoing circular was sent to the County Commissioners of each County in the State.

War Department  
Washington City  
March 23<sup>rd</sup> 1864

His Excellency A. W. Bradford  
Governor of Maryland,

Sir:

I am instructed by the Secretary of War to say that your Excellency's letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> Inst. addressed to the President of the United States, has been referred to Major General Lewis Wallace Commanding the Middle Department, with directions to ascertain and report the facts in the case.

I have the honor to be

Very Resp<sup>y</sup>. Your obdt. servt.

C. A. Dana

Asst. Secy of War

State of Maryland  
Executive Department  
Annapolis Mech. 25<sup>th</sup> 1864

Hon. E. M. Stanton  
Secretary of War

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose a copy of a Resolution passed by the General Assembly of Maryland at its recent session in reference to the permitting of the Volunteers from this State to return to the State for the purpose of voting at Elections; and I desire to express the hope that the permission therein requested, as far as compatible with public interest, may be granted.