

Adj. Gen. Middle Department
8th Army Corps

Baltimore Md. March 24th 1864

His Excellency

Gov. A. W. Bradford
Governor:

I am informed that Mr. E. V. Kilbourne of Anne Arundel County, was arrested by one of my predecessors, by order of the Secretary of War, and kept in confinement about one year; and that, though released, he refused to take the oath of allegiance to the Government of the United States, and has never taken it. Nor am I able to find that his hostility to that Government has been in any degree relaxed. His attitude at this time, from what I can gather, is that of an open sympathizer with the Rebellion.

I have no disposition to interfere with the elections in Maryland; but as Mr. K. is now a candidate for a seat in the Constitutional Convention, soon to meet at Annapolis, a proper regard for the honor of the General Government whose devoted servant I am, impels me to call your Excellency's attention to his political character and antecedents, and respectfully inquire if you have no power to prevent a result, to say the least, so incompatible with loyal interests as his election would doubtless prove.

I assure you, Governor, so great is my confidence in your judgement and loyalty, that I make no doubt you will feel about this letter precisely as I do, and inform me fully as to the course most proper to be taken in such a case.

I take this occasion to tender your Excellency my hearty co-operation in every measure likely to advance the interest of the Union, and promote the welfare of the noble people who have honored you with their Chief Magistracy.

I have the honor to be

With profound respect

Your Excellency's sincere friend & servt.

Lew Wallace

Major Genl. Comdg. Middle Dept.

State of Maryland

Executive Department

Annapolis March 28th 1864

Major Genl. Lew Wallace
Comdg. Middle Dept.

General:

I have received yours of 24th Inst. calling my attention to the case of E. V. Kilbourne of this county, and to the fact that he was formerly a