

The Graves etc. after which the exhumation and transfer of the bodies can be commenced, as soon as possible - I understand that the graves of many of the Soldiers belonging to different States can be identified - and that in other cases they are buried together, and the Soldiers of one State cannot be distinguished from those of another - The Union Soldiers will probably all be buried in one part of the Field, those of the different States whose dead are recognized will be severally distinguished by some monument or other mark designates them - Whilst the Rebel dead will be buried in another part of the Lot.

Any Cooperation which the State of New Jersey may desire to make can at any time now or hereafter be very readily provided for.

Very Respectfully  
 Your Obedt Servant  
 Augustus W Bradford

The following letter was enclosed upon a copy of certain proceedings adopted by Citizens of Sharpsburg on the 13<sup>th</sup> of April directed to Genl. Wallace on the subject of the forcible seizure of a negro slave belonging to a citizen of that place, and received by the Governor on the 2<sup>d</sup> May 1864 with a request that he would transmit it to Genl. Wallace.

State of Maryland  
 Executive Department  
 May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1864

The within proceedings adopted by a meeting of the Citizens of Sharpsburg in Washington County in this State, and directed by them to be transmitted to you have just been received by me with the request that I should forward them. In doing so I would earnestly recommend them to your attention. Such outrages as therein referred to far too frequently practiced of late, are well calculated to excite a feeling of exasperation among loyal Citizens and render the Government unpopular. I would most respectfully but urgently suggest the propriety of issuing such orders as shall prevent their recurrence hereafter. In this particular case the aggression is all the more keenly felt because no district in the whole State could be selected whose residents are more thoroughly or unanimously loyal.

Not only so but none have suffered so extensively from the unavoidable calamities of war - Sharpsburg where this outrage occurred is just upon the margin of the Antietam Battle Ground - The simple statement of which is quite sufficient to remind you of what its inhabitants have already endured. I hope therefore