

Commissioners in and, in the names of these persons  
 they to which they attend have had the same called.  
 The necessity of this precaution is not only obvious  
 from the considerations suggested, but has been justified by  
 actual results. I know that in several instances persons  
 returned as if no man at all were to be seen; some  
 give up in this manner, or returned. I am told  
 by the Secretary of State he knows to be in that con-  
 dition.

Still the County Authorities are not expected to  
 exact strict proof of freedom before they pay the Bounty.  
 They are only expected to exercise a good Will. Can-  
 now, in not paying what there was an on to believe the  
 Claimant is a slave. I feel satisfied from all the  
 information I have received that whenever the volunteer  
 or his property appointed agent presents himself, he is  
 promptly paid, unless some such good reason exists  
 against it.

Very Respectfully,  
 Wm. H. Servant  
 A. C. Bond & Co

Head Quarters Middle Department  
 5th Army Corps  
 Baltimore, Md May 4 1864

His Excellency

Gen. A. W. Bradford

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to ac-  
 knowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd May, endorsed  
 as a statement of the proceedings of a public meeting of  
 Citizens at Sharpsburg, Washington County, Md held  
 April 13th to consider the conduct of certain officers  
 commanding colored troops. - In your letter you  
 ask me to consider and redress the complaints and  
 grievances of the citizens. - In reply I would say  
 respectfully, that Washington County is in Genl.  
 Sigels Department, and that I have forwarded  
 the papers to that officer.

Very Respectfully,  
 Wm. H. Servant  
 Gen. Wallace  
 Major Genl &c.