

- ting the purchase and refund him to you for that purpose. — I of course could not feel authorized to consummate the purchase under such circumstances, and I should suppose the title can differ with one or the other, if he has parted the sale, and it is necessary to show cause against its satisfaction, you will please take the proper steps to do so. I feel much disappointed in failing to procure the lot, and I would believe soon than now be compelled to look out again for another site, and desire to make any reasonable arrangement that would guarantee the State against the claims of the owner of the outstanding half part. — If the owner of the 4/5 are sufficiently responsible or could execute such a warranty as would assure substantially the title, perhaps such an arrangement might still be made. — Being however personally unacquainted with the parties, I should feel disposed to submit the practicability of any such arrangement to your advice, but I entertain no doubt that under the circumstances stated in your letter, my duty compels me to decline making the purchase.

Yours Very Respectfully,
A. W. Bradford.

State of Maryland
Executive Department
Annapolis May 9th 1864

Major Genl. Lew. Wallace
Commandg. Middle Dept.

General

In proposing to execute to some extent the authority vested in me by recent act of our Legislature to entirely reorganize the militia of the State, my late conferences with you have suggested the propriety of commencing the reorganization, with as little delay as possible, in the City of Baltimore. We have there, I am satisfied, the material sufficient to form with very little delay, at least three effective Volunteer Militia Regiments, and the ~~expense~~^{strongest} inducement toward effecting them, and the only one I think necessary to insure success in the attempt, would be an offer immediately to arm and equip them with some eligible and effective arms. — Say one Infantry Regiment to be provided with the best arms of that description, one Rifle Regiment and a third to be furnished with the new arms to which you made reference. — Can you procure from the Government an assurance that arms of these descriptions will be furnished as soon as such Regiments are organized?

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servant
A. W. Bradford