State of Maryland
Executive Department
Annapolis May 10th 1864

Bantz Mayer Esqr.

Dear Sir

Your of the 5th Inst is received; the very generous offer you therein make to open, arrange and classify the State Papers connected with this Department, and now deposited in one of the public Repositories is thankfully accepted — There is no one I assure you to whom I would sooner commit such an office —

Whether you perform this service as you so liberally propose, without compensation, or not, I am happy to be able to assure you that I shall at least have the means of defraying any expenses you may incur in the work. By a clause in the General Appropriation Act of the last session, Five hundred dollars is appropriated "for the continuation of the Calendar of State papers under the direction of the Governor." The papers will be placed at your disposal whenever you are ready to take them in charge

Very Truly
A W Bradford

War Department
Provost Marshal General's Office
Washington D.C. May 10th 1864

His Excellency A. W. Bradford
Governor of Maryland
Annapolis Md.

Sir

Your letter of the 6th requesting a postponement of the draft in Maryland on the ground that all the colored men enlisted in your State have not been credited, has been received.

No credit has been given for all the men both white and colored, who are in any way known to this Department to have been mustered into the U. S. Service. Yesterday an additional credit of 2,250 colored men was given upon a certificate of Col. Jeffries that they were creditable, — this was done without waiting for systematic, or more certain official Rolls & Returns. The total number of colored men now credited to the State is 6,202. I know of no data upon which to base further credits, nor of any reason to postpone the draft. However, any further muster are reported they will be credited upon the latest possible moment. I am unable to discover wherein you have disregarded the "circumstances which have justly entitled" the loyal citizens of Maryland to "liberal appreciations," as set forth in your Excellency's letter, or that you have been dealt with "less strictly"