

The facts are these as they appear to me.  
 1st — The quotas assigned to you since March 3rd, 1863 have all been based upon an enrollment of the white persons found to be still in that State after the disloyal persons have gone South. The quotas being in proportion to the number of men left — the fact that some men had gone South previous to the enrollment would no hardship.

2nd — After having assigned quotas in proportion to the enrollment of white men as above, the slaves were enrolled and are used for filling the quotas of volunteers and draft, but have not been counted to increase the quota. That is surely not dealing "straitly" with you.

3rd — During the years 1861 & 1862, quotas were assigned to your State as to other states on the basis of population, — those quotas were not raised, & on a settlement of your accounts for those years you are found to be deficient of 892 men. Instead of being added to the number now required of you, as has been the case in other states, this large deficit has been entirely omitted from your account. I think therefore that Maryland has received "liberal consideration" & that your Excellency's claim for simple justice has been more than satisfied. Wherein before stated however I shall take pains to order further credits & deductions up to the latest practicable moment for all men not heretofore credited, whose muster may become known to me.

I am, Sir, Very Respectfully  
 Your Obedt. Servant  
 James B. Fry  
 Provost Marshal General

State of Maryland  
 Executive Department  
 Annapolis May 11th 1864

Col. James B. Fry  
 Provost Marshal General

Sir

I have just recd yours of the 10th Inst, in reply to mine of the 9th and much regret to receive from the tenor of your reply that you should have interpreted my letters as imputing to you or your Bureau any degree of circumstances entailing the loyal citizens of this State to a liberal consideration. I certainly had no such purpose and cannot perceive that my letter is fairly susceptible of such a construction, on the contrary I feel duly sensible that with allowance lately made by summing claims on old accounts of 1861 and 2nd I had been not to thank you for the just and liberal view you had taken of these accounts and merely meant to say that the claim now suggested on account of volunteers that the recruiting officers had possibly failed to return me a credit which is ever entitled even in the strictest