

principles of justice but by no means meant to imply that
 if we had knowingly failed to render us such justice heretofore
 I am glad to hear that in addition a credit of
 \$250,000 on the account of ground has been already
 allowed us and I trust but hope that we may yet have
 the opportunity of still further increasing it.

With much respect
 Yours obt. Servant
 W. W. Bradford

State of Maryland
 Executive Department
 Annapolis May 12 1864

S. P. Streetor Esq.

Dear Sir

Accompanying this you will
 receive a commission as a Military Relief Agent for this State
 under the authority of the act of the late legislature. I am
 unable at this time to prescribe the exact amount of
 Compensation you will receive, as that must be adapted to the
 time and trouble the office may require or you may be able
 to devote to it, I will endeavor however to make it adequate to
 these ends, besides defraying of course all reasonable expenses.
 The recent battles may probably render some immediate
 attention to the duties of the office necessary, in which you will
 need not be able to find quite as many assistants as you may require
 who will be willing to give you their services on payment of their
 actual expenses, in fact my own experience in connection
 with such occasions has shown me that the difficulty is by
 no means so great in procuring assistants as in selecting
 the proper ones from those who offer. Such only should be
 employed as may be practically available. You will
 therefore find it necessary to observe some prudence and
 foresight in selecting only such as are likely to be serviceable.
 And not more than may really be necessary.

Yours very Respectfully
 W. W. Bradford

Church Creek
 9th May 1864

His Excellency

Gov. A. W. Bradford

My dear Sir

On reaching
 home on Saturday last I learned that one of the most vici-
 nous outrages had been perpetrated upon the Community the
 day before (Friday) that ever disgraced the annals of
 Civilization. A press gang of negroes dressed
 in U. S. uniforms and commanded by a white man those