

I will go to Baltimore this afternoon and confer with him again - Please communicate to the Genl. or myself at that City whether you can supply arms and equipments as soon as organized

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Hon. E. M. Stanton  
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Sir:

On receipt of your telegram on Friday enquiring if I would call out two thousand Militia, I came to this City and conferred with General Wallace as to the best means of accomplishing the object, as I said to you in my reply I would do - Your despatch to me stated that the men were wanted "to take charge of the works in Baltimore and relieve the same number of other troops" &c

In the Proclamation which I at once issued and on consultation with Genl. Wallace, I enlarged somewhat the sphere of their duties as indicated by your despatch, by announcing that they would be ordered to any duty within the state that the commanding General might designate, but would not be ordered out of the state without their consent - This qualification Genl. Wallace not only expressly approved, but I considered it authorized by the tenor of your despatch.

By your telegram to Genl. Wallace this morning wherein you set forth the terms of the one hundred days enlistment in other states I notice that by those terms men so volunteering may be sent wherever their services may be required within or without the state - As you will see the importance of avoiding all misunderstanding on this subject either between the Department and myself, or between the Volunteers and myself, and as my Proclamation issued immediately after your first despatch and in accordance as I think with its terms, has assured the Volunteers that he is not to be ordered beyond the state without his consent, I hope the Department will not refuse to confirm that assurance, by insisting on the terms recited in your telegram of today - and especially as there is apparently abundant room for their employment within the state, and one Regiment may be relied on to take the place of the 5<sup>th</sup> Md. Infantry now garrisoning Fort Delaware. - The recruiting is going on very actively to day and I have no doubt we