

shall speedily recruit the required number if no alteration is made in the terms of my Proclamation

Yours very Respectfully
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State of Maryland
 Executive Department
 Annapolis May 24th 1864

Brig. Genl. James B. Fry
 Provost Marshal General
 General:

I have been furnished by Col. Jeffries with a copy of instructions issued by him on 20th Inst. to his Deputies in this State calling to their attention the importance of correcting as a preliminary to the next draft, the enrollment in the several Counties by all proper additions to and alterations in the existing enrollment. The suggestion is a very proper and necessary one, and I shall desire the local Authorities in the several Counties to aid as far as possible the Provost Marshals in this work.

The occasion seems to be a proper one for calling your attention to the case of a class of persons borne upon our enrollment, that I think in justice to the State should not remain there. I refer to those who the most of them 2 or 3 years since - have left the State and are in the South. The loyal people of the State very naturally feel as anxious as the Government can be, to subject these parties to draft, but the utter impossibility of practically reaching them for that purpose must be very obvious; and the consequence is that to retain them on our Enrollment lists is to give us an apparent number of men liable to draft that we do not possess, and to increase thereby the quota required of us beyond its just proportion. I have called the subject to the attention of Col. Jeffries, but whilst he admits that the effect upon the State is as I represent it, he seems to think that without some instructions from you, the correction of the enrollment in this respect can not be made.

If anything in addition to the unjust consequence above suggested is necessary to procure the requisite instruction from you, you will I think find it in the manner in which the State itself regards this class of its former Citizens. This may be illustrated by reference to one or two instances. As far back as July 1862 I issued a Major General's Commission in the place of a similar Commission held by a Citizen of the State in its Militia service, but who sometime after the outbreak of the rebellion went to the South, though he left here a large amount