

Besides this it is currently reported and believed by Union men that the Sheriff is a strong rebel sympathizer, and that his hotel is a favorite resort for all such as drink toasts for the success of rebel arms.

(Whether all this or any of it is true or otherwise, it was the information upon which my action was based. If the facts stated are true a negro escort would be no outrage, but on the contrary might have a healthy influence.)

But His Excellency wholly misapprehends me if he supposes I should have done anything of the kind without full investigation and an order for the purpose from the General of Department. I have the highest regard for His Excellency and much desire his good opinion, and will at all times give due consideration to any suggestion of his touching this branch of the public service.

Mr. McLoughlin has called upon me and has explained his action in the matter; he contends Capt. Reed wholly misunderstood him — There probably will be no further trouble in the premises

Very Respectfully

Your obedt. servt.

A. M. Bowman
Col. &c. &c.

War Department
Washington City D.C.
November 11th 1862

The Governor of the State of Maryland is hereby authorized to issue such orders as may in his judgment best protect the service of the United States in the reception and retention of substitutes for the drafted men in said State, and for the discharge of men illegally drafted.

The Commandants of Camps of Rendezvous in Maryland will strictly obey all orders issued to them by the Governor of said State concerning the management and organization of drafted men

By order of the

Secretary of War

C. P. Buckingham

Brig. Genl. & A. A. G.

His Excellency A. W. Bradford
Governor of Maryland

The above order was received by the Governor on the 13th of November 1862 but having been mislaid was not recorded in its proper place in this book