

State of Maryland  
Executive Department  
Annapolis July 1<sup>st</sup> 1864

Col. S. M. Bowman

Chief Clerk Officer U.S.A.

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of 29<sup>th</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup>. enclosing a copy of correspondence between yourself and Mr. Richard Hynson of Kent County, in reference to a rumor that a colored Volunteer had executed a power of attorney over his proper signature authorising some one in that County to receive his County, and that another power of a similar kind signed with his mark was among those held by you: and you enclose me a copy of the correspondence because as you say, the same rumor was understood by you to have reached me, and that I have several times referred to it.

Such a rumor was related to me by one of the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County, and as he mentioned it to me, a Mr. Hynson an Attorney at Law at Chestertown, was the gentleman to whom the Power had been executed - He intimated to me however nothing going to show that Mr. Hynson had used any menace towards you or made any charge against you, but that having received such a Power of Attorney he had called upon you to make some inquiry as to the facts of the County roll being returned &c, and was surprised to hear from you that you held a similar Power - The circumstance was one among many other considerations that seemed to me to require some course to be taken towards a more rigid scrutiny of all Powers executed by such parties, and in that connection I may have more than once adverted to it.

I presume that the gentleman to whom you have written - Mr. Richard Hynson - is the same party said to have received the Power of Attorney and assuming such to be the case his letter certainly falsifies completely the rumor referred to, and I am happy that it does so

Yours Respectfully  
A. W. Bradford

Wd. Dns. Middle Department 8<sup>th</sup> Army Corps  
Baltimore, Md. June 29<sup>th</sup> 1864

Hon. A. W. Bradford,

Governor of Maryland,

Sir:

According to promise I have the honor to forward to your Excellency the papers in the case of Moody and Jones (white men) and two negroes confined in Charles County Jail.