

Telegram

War Department

Provost Marshal Genl's Office

Washington July 5th 1864

His Excellency W. W. Bradford
 Governor of Maryland
 Annapolis, Md.

Sir:

No acknowledgement of your receipt of the exhibit of quotas and credits of your State up to April 30th sent you June 1st has been received. It was sent to invite your acceptance of the correctness of our accounts, or your explanation of discrepancies, if any existed. If no errors are pointed out before it is necessary for me to close the account, which will be soon, it will be taken for granted that you adopt the accounts up to the date of the exhibit, and I will regard the subject as closed to that date.

James B. Fry
 Provost Marshal Genl.

State of Maryland

Executive Department

Annapolis July 7th 1864

Brig. Genl. James B. Fry
 Provost Marshal General

Sir:

Your telegram of 5th Inst. (received here in my absence) states that you had not then received any acknowledgement of the receipt of the Exhibit of the Quotas & Credits of this State forwarded to this Department on the 1st June — I wrote to you on the 1st Inst. acknowledging the receipt of that Exhibit and you should have received it in due course of mail before the date of your telegram —

I will here repeat what I briefly stated in my letter of the 1st, that there are no such records on file in this Department as will enable me with any confidence to say as you invite me to do, whether there are any errors in the Exhibit which you have forwarded. The only rolls returned here throwing any light on this subject are the muster in Rolls — These rolls previous to 1st Jan'y last were very rarely returned here and although since that time such returns have been more regularly made I am satisfied they have not been made in all cases — It would be impossible therefore from any examination I could make of all the Rolls returned here, to say that the credits made to us on the Exhibit referred to, and which without reference to any particular organization only enumerates in round numbers the enlistments for a certain year or a certain month, embrace all the credits to which we are entitled —

As regards the number of Colored troops credited,