

of Charles Stewart to the Military Authorities" &c

I am not certain of your precise meaning when you say no requisition has yet been made — The demand of the Secretary of War under the Act of Congress of which I notified you some time since, with the request I made that the demand should be complied with, constitutes according to my understanding the only requisition necessary, and I think there can be no doubt of the offence for which Stewart is indicted coming within the class of offences the cognizance of which under said Act of Congress is transferred from the Civil to the Military Authorities.

I cannot perceive that the arrest in the first instance of the accused party by the Military Authority and the delivery of him to the Civil Magistrate for trial, can properly stop that Authority from demanding the accused party under the Act if that demand is made before his trial.

If Stewart is still retained only because no one properly authorized by the War Department to take him into custody has yet presented himself, I would suggest that you communicate with the Department on the subject and request the appointment of such an Agent for that purpose, and if you think that the circumstance of his original arrest by the Military presents any obstacle to his redelivery to that Authority, you might bring that fact to the notice of the Secretary.

Yours very Respectfully
A. W. Bradford

State of Maryland
Executive Department
Annapolis Decem. 12. 1864

Hon. E. M. Stanton.
Secretary of War
Sir:

I would respectfully request that in pursuance of the last paragraph in Circular No. 86 from War Department concerning enlistments &c in the First Corps, Recruiting officers may be designated for this State. I would suggest the Cities of Baltimore and Annapolis as two of the most important points for stationing such officers.

I have the honor to be
Your obdt. Servt.
A. W. Bradford