

Upper Marlborough

23rd March 1865

To His Excellency
Gov. Bradford
Sir:

In the matter of the requisition asked for in the case of the soldier, Dennis McCarty, I hesitated myself for a time, upon the doubt suggested by you as to the sufficiency of the inquiry to support the application. I had no knowledge of any precedent - but supposed in the end, that if a mere individual affidavit would suffice, the collective oath of a jury of Inquest ought to gratify the Act of Congress.

The second difficulty also occurred to me, touching the Military status of the party accused. But as the statement in the inquiry, that he was a soldier, was merely extra judicial and not a necessary averment, I supposed the proper course would be to make the demand by a requisition, and let the question of the man's accountability come up as a matter of defence before the Judge in Washington on whom the demand would have been made -

I was also aware of several cases in these lower Counties during the War, where persons in the Military service, having committed offences against the laws of Md. were delivered up by their officers, and tried, convicted and punished - We had here some time since a case of assault with intent to kill against a negro, which also occurred at Bladensburg. He was readily handed over to us and is now in the Penitentiary.

At the time of sending my application to you, I was led to believe that a surrender would be made if demanded.

Very Resp. Your obdt. Servt.

Edward W. Belk

States Atty. J. Georges Co.

Office Actg. Asst. Pro. Marshal Genl.
for Maryland and Delaware

Baltimore April 3rd 1865

His Excellency, A. W. Bradford

Governor:

I have the honor to enclose the papers in the case of James C. Henderson of Captain Means' Company of Independent Rangers, and to inform you that he has been arrested and probably turned over to the Sheriff of Carroll County from whom he escaped.

Very Respectfully

Your obdt. Servt.

Wm. H. Brown

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