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adapted than any other to the present emergency.

I have provided and am ready at once to distribute. Cavalry arms and accoutrements sufficient for all that will probably be organized, and whilst every effort will be made to arm and equip also the Infantry Volunteers that may offer, let our loyal citizens not wait for the distribution of arms but organize everywhere without delay and assist in driving from the State the invading host that now occupies its soil armed with any weapon which opportunity may furnish.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State the eighth day of September 1862

By the Governor

A. W. Bradford

W. M. Hill Secretary of State.

September 9th

The Governor appoints and commissions Henry H. Goldsborough Commandant with the rank of Brigadier General of the Drafted Militia of the State from the Counties of Saint, Queen Anne, Talbot, Caroline, Dorchester, Somerset and Worcester to be drafted under General order No 99 of the War Department dated August 9th 1862 and who are directed after said Draft is complete to rendezvous at Easton in Talbot County.

Same day the Governor appoints and commissions Edward Shower of Frederick Commandant with the rank of Brigadier General of the Drafted Militia of the State from Cecil County, Baltimore City and all the Counties of the Western Shore of Maryland under General order No 99 of the War Department dated August 9th 1862 and who are directed after said Draft is complete to rendezvous at Baltimore City.

September 12th

State of Maryland Executive Department Annapolis
September 12th 1862. The Loyal Citizens of Maryland are earnestly exhorted to relax no effort in speedily perfecting throughout the State the organization of the Volunteer Infantry and Cavalry forces called for by the recent proclamation of the Governor. Arrangements have been made with the War Department whereby the Governor will supply arms to all such forces as rapidly as they can be duly organized into companies. Let there be no delay. The enemy is in our midst. Organize at once for the defence of your homes a volunteer militia force, that shall prove when called into