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furnished by volunteers, I would earnestly appeal to the patriotism and pride of every Marylander so to respond to the call now made upon them as to leave no necessity to raise a single company by any compulsory process.

The ten thousand men required of us will be organized into eight regiments of infantry, one regiment of cavalry and two batteries of artillery and though required to be of the maximum standard they will be mustered into the service of the United States armed and equipped whenever they can muster the minimum number required in each.

The volunteer militia organizations now existing in the City of Baltimore and other parts of the State are earnestly invited to call their members together and make them respective companies a nucleus for the formation of a complete regiment.

Whenever a battalion or company or a majority of their respective members, shall make such offer of their services they will report to Major Wharton No. 65 Fayette street who will designate a place of regimental rendezvous and an effort will be made to obtain from the War Department permission to muster in the several Companies as soon as formed without waiting for the complete regimental organization.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great seal of the State this twentieth day of June 1863.

(signed) A. M. Bradford

W. M. Hill

Secretary of State

June 19th

The Governor directs the usual notice to be published of an application for pardon in the case of Sarah Justice convicted of Larceny at the term of the Criminal Court of Baltimore City and now in jail awaiting sentence. Notice sent to the "Baltimore American".

June 22nd

The Governor issued the following appeal to the people of Maryland.

Baltimore June 21st 1863.

The proclamation which I issued on the seventeenth instant calling upon you to furnish six months volunteers for the quota of militia required of us by the government has not met with that prompt and practical response which I thought I had the right to expect. Whilst some with a cheerful alacrity worthy of all praise have offered themselves for the service, the number I regret to say has fallen far short of what is required.

Some appearing to be ready for any emergency which the defense of the State may require hesitate to enlist in government service lest they may be ordered elsewhere, but the very proclamation of the President which makes this call upon us