

HEAD QUARTERS, MIDDLE DEPARTMENT,
EIGHTH ARMY CORPS.

BALTIMORE, *January 28th*, 1865.

HON. J. M. FRAZIER,

Speaker House of Representatives :

Sir:—On the 16th instant your Honorable Body passed a resolution calling on the General commanding the Middle Department, for such orders as he may have issued touching persons made free by operation of the New Constitution of the State of Maryland, together with such documents, correspondence, &c., as may be in the "Freedman's Bureau," relating to that subject.

I have the honor to inform you that the papers on file in said Bureau have been examined, and that such as were likely to furnish information upon the subject involved, or to be of the remotest importance, are herewith enclosed in compliance with the resolution above mentioned.

With your permission, I will add that in issuing an order taking the Freedmen under military protection, my great object was, to leave them, if possible, in such condition and in such status, that the Legislature, when it met, would find no difficulty or complication in acting on the subject.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

LEW WALLACE,

Major General Commanding.