

PENNSYLVANIA,
Executive Chamber,

Harrisburg Pa. Oct. 26 1863.

Sir

The command of the Middle Department must soon be vacated by the resignation of Maj. Gen. Schenck. He takes his seat in the Approaching Congress. & I presume his successor will be designated within a few weeks. Pennsylvania from her location has a deep interest in the management of the affairs of that Dept. and as I am informed you will be asked to assign Brig Gen E. B. Tyler now commanding the Defences of Baltimore, ^{to my command} I have taken the liberty of saying to you. That it is my earnest wish that the request may be favored.

Gen Tyler commanded a brigade of one million men in the Army of the

and had their confidence & esteem, derived
from the representations of the officers whose services
I doubt not will be as from my acquaintance with
them personally. I am satisfied, that you cannot
indicate a better measure for the present official
Commandant. The people of Baltimore it is
said, will make their wishes known to you
in his favor.

He is an active and earnest friend
of the Government, and rendered us important
services in Pennsylvania in the Campaign
just closed.

Thank you for the
information you will be pleased to
confer on me by the return of
the letter of today.

With much respect

To
The President.

Yours obedt Servt.
A. S. Leister

A. G. CURTIS
Gov. of Penn

To
President Lincoln