

To Lieut. General Early, Commanding the Confederate
forces in Maryland.

The undersigned citizens of Frederick
City - respectfully represent, that the assessment of Two
hundred thousand dollars imposed upon the City of
^{Frederick} will bear most onerously upon the people of this place.

We beg leave to represent that the population
of our City does not exceed 8000 - that the entire basis
of the City, does not exceed Two million, two hundred
thousand dollars, that the tax now levied at the rate
of 2 1/2 cents on the 100th produces 80000th, as the annual
Corporate tax of the City.

The assessment imposed by your
order will take from the citizens of this place nearly
one tenth of the taxable property of the City.

The Corporation by assuming this large debt, had met
your requisition, and paid the amount.

In view therefore
of the great and onerous burthen thrown upon our Citizens,
many of whom are indigent and unable to bear the loss,
and as the assessment made in other places in Maryland
is relatively much less than that imposed upon our
City, We respectfully request you to reconsider and
abate the said assessment.

Frederick, July 9th 1864.

Very Respectfully submitted
Wm G Leole, Mayor of
the City of Frederick,
L. J. Bringle
W. M. Maggill
R. H. Marshall
Jos. Baughet