

State of Maryland responsible for said detention, and for all damages done said cargo. Answer.

C. F. WENNER.

*To the Sheriff of Frederick County, and the State or Prosecuting Attorney.*

I command you to protect my property, that is now being loaded in the cars to go to Harper's Ferry, against my wish or instructions, and I fall on my State for protection and damages. I demand your presence at this point. I will have my rights. The State is bound to give them to me.

Yours, in haste,

C. F. WENNER.

N. B.—There is about two hundred Virginia troops here; everything under their control, since they have taken my boat. It is truly warlike here, with clashing of swords.

They will have discharged by noon—feeding the troops with the oats. There are all troops here.

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Mr. Wenner also called at my office in this city on the 25th instant, and stated the same as above detailed, and also stated that he gave some resistance, until the officers ordered the soldiers to fire, after a minute's notice; and that they refused to give him one of his mules to go home with. And while loading the grain on the cars, he insisted on the grain being weighed by the agent of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, that he might seek redress, which was denied him by the officers, who stated he might go to Harper's Ferry to see it weighed. He also stated that they took from him grain to feed near one hundred horses, without weighing or measuring; and that the bridge was then ready for destruction, having about six cords of wood and other combustible material thereto attached, to burn and blow up.

The above is all the information that has come to my knowledge respecting the matter.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL H. HALLER.