

## CORRESPONDENCE.

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STATE OF MARYLAND,

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,

*Frederick City, April 26, 1861.*

*To the Sheriff of Frederick county:*

*Sir:* I have information to the effect that the Virginia troops, now stationed at or near Harper's Ferry, have seized upon and appropriated to their use some property belonging to a citizen of Maryland, said property being at the time of seizure within the limits of Maryland. I am also informed that you have official cognizance of the matter. Will you do me the favor to furnish me, in writing, with such information as you possess in reference to said seizure?

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

THOMAS H. HICKS.

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SHERIFF'S OFFICE,

*Frederick City, April 27, 1861.*

*To His Excellency, the Governor of Maryland:*

*Sir:* In reply to your inquiry of the the 26th inst., I herewith give you a copy of the dispatch received by me, dated Point of Rocks, April 24th, 1861:

*To the Sheriff of Frederick county:*

My boat, loaded with grain, bound from Berlin to Georgetown is detained at this point by order of officers in command at Harper's Ferry. I demand your protection, and will