

## CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE AUTHORITIES AT WASHINGTON.

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WAR DEPARTMENT, }  
April 17th, 1861. }

HIS EXCELLENCY,

THOS. H. HICKS,

Governor of Maryland.

DEAR SIR:—

The President has referred to me your letter of this day, and, in reply, I have the honor to say that the troops to be raised in Maryland will be needed for the defense of this Capital, and of the public property in that State and neighborhood. There is no intention of removing them beyond those points.

Very respectfully,

SIMON CAMERON,

Secretary of War.

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BALTIMORE, April 17th, 1861.

*To the President of the United States :*

SIR:—

From the conversation I had yesterday, in Washington, with the Secretary of War, and with Lieutenant-General Scott, I understood that the four regiments of militia to be called for from Maryland were