

*Maj. Gen. Geo. H. Stewart,*

*Sir* :—It is my duty to inform you forthwith that an insurrection is in progress at Harper's Ferry, and on the Maryland side, in which free negroes and whites are engaged.

I am, respectfully, yours,

(Signed)

JOHN W. GARRETT,

Pres't B. & O. R. R. Co.

Balt., Oct. 17th, 1859.

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*John W. Garrett, Esq.:*

Pres't. of the Baltimore and Ohio R. R. Co.

*Sir* :—Your communication of this day has been received, and, acting upon such reliable information, I have ordered a detachment of five companies from the First Light Division to be in readiness to proceed to Harper's Ferry in the four o'clock train of this afternoon.

You will oblige me by making the needful arrangements for their transportation.

Yours, very respectfully,

G. H. STEUART.

Baltimore, Monday, 17th Oct., 1859,

10½ o'clock, A. M.

*Hon. Henry A. Wise,*

Governor, Richmond, Va.:

Rioters are in possession of the United States Armory and of the Rail Road bridge at Harper's Ferry. Fire arms have been used and one man fatally injured. This occurred last night. The wires are cut between Frederick and Harper's Ferry. Telegraph to me, and your orders will be forwarded. Pray issue necessary orders.

JOHN W. GARRETT,

President of the Baltimore & Ohio R. R. Co.