

Baltimore, October 19, 1859—10.35 P. M.

*F. Mantz,*

Monocacy.

Unless the reports from Ferry about attack on Sandy Hook, are well authenticated, Mr. Quynn will not send train with troops. If it goes, you must use extraordinary caution east of Point of Rocks, as obstructions may be placed on track, or assaults made on train. Tonnage trains east, have left Harper's Ferry on their route. Let tonnage West keep a very sharp lookout, and reduce speed at all exposed points beyond double track. Have the men fully informed of affairs, that they may be on the alert. Should trains east report serious difficulty, trains west must not go beyond Point of Rocks. Let me hear from you.

W. P. SMITH.

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Harper's Ferry, October 19th, 1859.

*J. M. Coal,*

Commanding General, Frederick.

I answer your dispatch of this date just received.

There is no truth in the rumor of an attack on Sandy Hook and Pleasant Valley. I have just returned from a visit to both places, find all quiet and safe, and all reports to the contrary false.

R. E. LEE.

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Camden Station, October 20th, 1859.

*John Donohoo,*

Harper's Ferry.

Have any of the military been left at the Ferry, as a guard over the Armory and Bridge?

W. P. SMITH.

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Balto., Oct. 20, 1859—6 P. M.

*John Donohoo,*

Harper's Ferry:

Mr. Shutt, of our service, is on express West, to remain a few days at Ferry, to afford protection to road for passing