

his communicating to you officially, before this time, his high appreciation of the liberal, public spirited and patriotic conduct of your company in connection with the excitement and other troubles in which our community and State have been involved. He will take care that ultimately, and in a proper manner, the important services rendered us by your company shall be acknowledged by the commonwealth of Virginia.

I may here add, that the General declared unhesitatingly, that our arrangements in respect to preventing a mixed horde of strangers coming here over the road, had done more than all the military display in securing quiet and good order on the day of John Brown's execution, and in this I fully concur.

In reference to the executions to come off on Friday next, we desire your company to pursue the same plan and policy that worked so efficiently on the former occasion, with this single additional suggestion, that it is scarcely necessary to carry out the arrangement so stringently as at that time, yet we consider it highly inadvisable for strangers to crowd in here in great numbers, at the coming executions. They will encounter still a very strict surveillance. We cheerfully leave this whole matter to the sound discretion of yourself and the intelligent officers of your company.

Most truly,

Your obedient servant,

ANDREW HUNTER.

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Office of the Balto. & O. R. R. Co.,

December 15, 1859.

*Andrew Hunter, Esq.:*

Charlestown, Va.:

Your esteemed favor of the 10th instant, has been received. I feel much gratified by the expression of General Taliaferro, so obligingly communicated by you, as well as by your own remarks in connection with the services which it was the good fortune of the officers and employees of this company to have it in their power to perform in the cause of good order and safety, and in upholding to the best of their ability, the laws of a sister commonwealth, in the late emergency.

Rest assured that on all future occasions,—should any such