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Your honorable Body with copies of all correspondence between myself and officers of the General Government, which I deem it necessary to lay before you.

Thomas H. Hicks.

On the same day, the Governor transmitted to the House of Delegates the returns of a special election held in Cecil county, on the 29th day of May, for a Member of the House of Delegates to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Alexander Wilson, Esq.

On the same day, in response to an order of the House of Delegates, the Governor transmitted to that Body the following Message:

State of Maryland
Executive Chamber

Frederick city, June 5, 1861.

Gentlemen of the

House of Delegates:

In response to your order of this date, requesting me to inform you "what action I have taken, if any, to protect the citizens of the State in their persons and property;" & which request is prefaced by indefinite allegations that "citizens of Maryland have been arrested without color of authority, and in opposition to the established laws of the United States and of this State, and have been carried by force into a neighboring State by troops in arms, acting entirely under military, and in disregard to all civil authority, &c., &c.," I have to say:

That I have received no official information of the arrests spoken of in your order. Nor has any complaint, or demand for my interference, been made to me by any person claiming to have been arrested