

ment of men, and should there await the return of said messenger. During the evening the messenger returned without any orders of your Excellency, but accompanied and followed during the night by three several additional detachments, numbering in all, over eighty men, and the whole force, under the command of Colonel Baylor, of the Virginia forces, took forcible possession of the mules, boat and grain, in defiance of the protest of the undersigned, and with the repeated threats to shoot him, unloaded the grain, sent part of it over the bridge at Point of Rocks into Virginia, and other portions of it had been transferred to cars on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, and taken to Harper's Ferry. All the grain in the boat was appropriated by the military, and the boat, mules and hands were left in their hands, when the undersigned came to Frederick to seek redress; and on his return, found that the hands with said boat had been permitted by the military to return with the boat and mules to Berlin.

The cargo of said boat, seized by said military and appropriated to its own use, consisted of two thousand bushels of oats, of which the selling price at Georgetown, on the 26th day of April, the day on which said boat would have arrived, and said cargo been ready for sale, was seventy-five cents per bushel; two hundred bushels of white corn, of which the selling price on said day was \$1.20 per bushel; six hundred bushels of yellow corn, of which the price as aforesaid was \$1.05 per bushel; and twenty-five bushels of wheat, of which the price as aforesaid, was \$1.75 per bushel. From that time to the present, said boat, with team and hands, has been unused, wholly because the undersigned has feared similar seizures. The average earnings of said boat and team has been about \$10 per day, which has been lost entirely to the undersigned.

Your Excellency will understand that all the occurrences aforesaid, were on the soil of Maryland. The undersigned respectfully appeals to the constituted authorities of the State, of which he is a citizen, for indemnity and vindication, on account of the outrage which has been perpetrated upon him; and has the honor to be,

Your Excellency's humble servant,

CHARLES F. WENNER.

STATE OF MARYLAND,

Frederick County, to wit:

I hereby certify, that on this 30th day of April, 1861, before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland, in and for Frederick county, personally appeared Chas. F. Wenner, and made oath on the Holy Evangelry of Almighty God, that