

counties, Maryland, pray that your Excellency will not be influenced to official action by a memorial that will be presented to your Excellency by a committee appointed at an informal meeting, held at Weverton on last evening, April 29th, 1861.

Your petitioners assure you, it was a meeting, led by a Republican, who to further excite the elements, he had before him, used against Virginians, such expletives, as plunderers rascallions; cowardly rebels, thieves, &c.

The memorial did not receive more than twenty votes, many of the undersigned refusing to oppose it from disgust at the proceedings. We assure your Excellency, that as far as our experience goes, and most of us have farms near Harper's Ferry, and would have every knowledge of depredations committed by troops, that their demeanor towards Marylanders has been generally very courteous. The grievances complained in the memorial to your Excellency, *were not authorized* by the forces at Harper's Ferry.

A formal assurance was sent by the commander-in-chief at Harper's Ferry, to the citizens of Weverton, assuring them that no authority had been given troops to search houses in Maryland, and that no such authority would be given them.

The evidence before the meeting proved that only one house was entered by them, and that peaceably, and that they returned to Harper's Ferry, soon as requested by our citizens to discontinue the search.

Your Excellency's most ob't servants.

J. C. LAUGHRIDGE,	JAMES H. ELGIN,
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R. H. BOTELER,	S. S. MOORE,
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WARREN GARRETT.	

Which was read and referred to the committee on Federal Relations.

Mr. Long offered the following :

Ordered, That it be entered upon the Journal of this House, that James U. Dennis is absent from the deliberations of this House, in consequence of domestic affliction ;

Which was adopted.