

number one hundred or more? What is their object? Let me know at once before we proceed to extremities.

W. P. SMITH.

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Ellicott's Mills, March, 17th, 1859.

*W. P. Smith.*

11 A. M.

My dispatch was not exaggerated, neither was it written under excitement as you suppose. I have not made it half as bad as it is. The Captain told me, that his object was to liberate all the slaves, and that he expected a reinforcement of 1500 men to assist him. Hayward, the negro porter, was shot through the body, and I suppose by this time, is dead. The Captain also said, he did not want to shed any more blood.

I will call at your office immediately on my arrival, and tell you all. One of my passengers was taken prisoner and held as such for some time. I will bring him to see you also.

A. J. PHELPS.

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Frederick, Oct. 17th, 1859—10 o'clock, A. M.

*W. P. Smith:*

The military here are in arms. Can I send them up to Harper's Ferry?

JOHN T. QUYNN.

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Baltimore, October 17th, 1859.

*To Jno. T. Quynn,*

10.20 A. M.

Frederick.

We believe the reports from Ferry to be much exaggerated. Do not send a train with troops, unless upon the formal requisition of an authorized officer at Harper's Ferry. Should you get this, act promptly.

W. P. SMITH.

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Frederick, Oct. 17.

*To the Baltimore Newspaper Press:*

Information has been received here this morning of a formidable negro insurrection at Harper's Ferry. An armed