

Washington, Oct. 17th, 1859—1.30 P. M.

John W. Garrett, Pres't :

Your dispatch has been received, and it shall be promptly attended to. Orders have already been issued for three companies of artillery from Old Point Comfort, and I have already accepted the service of Capt. Ritchie's company at Frederick. You will soon hear again further from the Secretary of War, or myself.

JAS. BUCHANAN.

Richmond, Oct. 17th, 1859.

John W. Garrett, Pres't B. & O. R. R. Co.,

Camden Station, Balt. :

Whereas, Authentic information has been received that a sudden insurrection has happened at Harper's Ferry in the county of Jefferson, and that immediate danger therefrom is to be apprehended, — the commandant of the regiment therein, is hereby commanded to order out a part or the whole of the militia under his command to repel, suppress, or prevent the same. And if necessary he shall call on the commandants of the adjacent regiments who are ordered forthwith in like manner to furnish the additional force that may be necessary. Commandants will immediately report to me at Harper's Ferry, and all persons in the State of Virginia will aid and assist in repressing said insurrection by facilitating in all legal and proper manner the transportation of military companies and detachments from this and any other State to that end and otherwise.

HENRY A. WISE,
Governor of Va.

Richmond, October 17th, 1859—2.40 P. M.

John W. Garrett, Esq.,

Pres't B. & O. R. R. Co. :

The Governor requests that you will send the following order to Col. Gibson. Three good companies from that regiment can be immediately called out.

WM. H. RICHARDSON,
Adjutant General.