

Ellicott Mills, 5.31, P. M., October 17th, 1859.

*L. M. Cole.*

Keep mail in morning until troops from Norfolk connect. They will number about one hundred and twenty. Get military to guard cars, to keep outsiders off.

W. P. SMITH.

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Baltimore, October 17th, 1859.

*W. P. Smith,*

On Train West, Ellicott's Mills.

The President says, would it not be well to have Conductor Phelps go up on the train to-morrow, to be on hand to identify any parties that may be arrested.

CHARLES E. WATERS.

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Relay House, October 17th, 1859—7.45 P. M.

*W. P. Smith.*

The cartridges for Capt. Schley, of Frederick, were brought up by Gilbert on extra train.

I will send them with extra train which brings Col. Lee.

J. M. LOWE.

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Monocacy, 9.15 P. M., October 17, 1859.

*L. M. Cole,*

Baltimore.

Arrived here 8.10, moving cautiously with sixteen cars. Col. Lee, U. S. Commander-in-Chief, was brought to Relay in extra train. You must arrange to send him in a special car to Monocacy.

Nothing now on this part of road. Hill Engine, 122, I ordered back from Gaithers' to Plane No. 4, to remain all night or till wanted. Lee will outrank all officers in command, and Mayor Russell and Gen. Egerton think his presence highly important.

W. P. SMITH.