

Relay House, Oct. 18th, 1859—8.20 A. M.

Maj. Duffie, Alexandria Artillery :

Artillery orders countermanded, insurrection suppressed.
So report to Capt. of Infantry.

H. A. WISE.

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Col. F. P. August,

of the Virginia Volunteers, Washington :

You need proceed no further, return to Richmond.

H. A. WISE.

To the Hon. Secretary of War :

I find it unnecessary to bring the troops from Fort Monroe here, and have stopped them at Fort McHenry to await orders. All the rioters now trying to escape. A man named Cook has escaped. They are barricaded in the Engine House, within the enclosure of the armory. They have with them some of our best citizens, who they refuse to release. There are several companies here from Virginia and Fredericktown in charge of the village. I have put the armory property in charge of the Marines and shall endeavor to secure and protect the rioters; they have killed several citizens and several of them have been killed.

R. E. LEE.

Harper's Ferry, October 18—2.33 P. M.

John W. Garrett.

Stop any troops coming up, and be so good as to inform Brigadier Gen'l Egerton, who has gone home, and Gen. Watkins, that I shall return in the train to-morrow morning and meet them at the division parade.

Please also send a message to my family at Harlem, that I am coming home to-morrow morning.

G. H. STEUART.

We are now arranging to take a cavalry company from Mt. Clare. Does this countermand the order given by Gen. Steuart and Gov. Wise, this morning for the troops?

H. TYSON.