

Baltimore, 26th Oct., 1859.

*A. P. Shutt:*

Harper's Ferry:

What is there in the idea of an attempted rescue of Brown? See Barbour and report. Cook is caught at Chambersburg, with Washington's pistols on him. Williams identifies man here as one of those who appeared with Brown on bridge.

W. P. SMITH.

Charlestown, Oct. 26th, 1859—7.10 P. M.

*W. P. Smith:*

There is no visible idea of a rescue. I will see Barbour on my return and inform him. I will get two men on my return. The citizens of the town were delighted to hear of the arrest of Cook. The Court has decided to try Brown first. He is now in the court on a bed. He is acting the thing out to perfection.

A. P. SHUTT.

Baltimore, Oct. 26th, 1859.

*Hon. J. B. Floyd,*

Secretary of War, Washington, D. C.:

Our company has received the following message from A. M. Barbour, U. S. Superintendent at Harper's Ferry.

Harper's Ferry, Oct. 26th, 1859.

*W. P. Smith,*

B. & O. R. R. Co.:

"I have received a letter from a reliable friend in New York city, in which he says the abolitionists speak openly of the rescue of Brown and his party. He thinks a large band of desperadoes will make the effort. It is my duty to inform you that your property here may be destroyed. You had better take measures to protect it at once—the effort may be made to-night. I have telegraphed the Secretary of War and Gov. Wise. You should act at once."

ALFRED M. BARBOUR.

Will you do me the favor to say whether you have given orders to dispatch any force to Harper's Ferry by this afternoon's train from Washington to protect the armory? I only await your answer before asking the commander of the militia here to send a force to the spot during the pendency of