

I have addressed Gov. Hicks as per copy herewith. I trust he will act in this State as you have in Virginia. In consequence of his absence from Annapolis no reply has yet been received.

In compliance with your request, I promptly used the most effective means to secure all the original papers in this city, connected with the conspiracy. Our officers believe all have been obtained.

Enclosed you will please find copy of a communication addressed to A. Hunter, Esq., which embraces the full particulars of this subject.

I am disposed to render any service in our power, and will be gratified if you will command us further.

With great respect,

Truly yours,

J. W. GARRETT, Pres't.

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Monocacy, Oct. 27th, 1859—10.25 A. M.

*J. W. Garrett :*

Just returned from Ferry on way train, and am going into Frederick on arrival of mail from Baltimore. Very full trains of way passengers to State Fair this morning, in both directions.

Barbour's advices are undoubtedly from a reliable source—an officer of the army. Brown's whole effort now seems to be to get a delay in the trials, and he is feigning sickness as one reason for this. He expects counsel too from a distance. The most sensible provision they appear to have made at Charlestown is that the prisoners shall be instantly shot upon any serious attempt at a rescue, or any probable success in an escape. Capt. Sinn says he and his men will not leave the scene until Brown is hung or shot, without you or Gov. Hicks so direct.

W. P. SMITH.

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HEADQUARTERS, SECOND LIGHT BRIGADE,

Balto., Md., Oct. 27, 1859.

*W. P. Smith, Esq.,*

*Dear Sir.*—Your favor of the 26th inst. is to hand and contents noted. I had in my command, on the recent trip to Harper's Ferry, two hundred and fifteen officers and men (215).

Permit me to return my very sincere thanks for the very bountiful