

at Ferry to confer with you and represents my views as well as his own.

We fear that this continued and repeated excitement will seriously interfere with our travel, and we desire your services particularly in calming the timid fears of the people and in preventing, as far as possible, any further exciting or exaggerated reports, telegraphic or otherwise, from being sent over the country.

W. P. SMITH.

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Washington, Nov. 20th, 1859—9.48 A. M.

*W. P. Smith:*

We leave at 10 o'clock, with Gov. Wise and four hundred men in the cars. Bring a baggage car with you and six passenger cars for us, to supply the place of those we take away.

T. H. PARSONS.

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Harper's Ferry, Nov. 20th, 1859—10.03 A. M.

*W. P. Smith:*

I arrived on express this morning; found the town in great excitement, expecting from one to two hundred armed men from the West to rescue Brown. The dispatch to me at Cumberland was from J. B. Hoge, asking if they were on my train.

It appears he received a special dispatch from Col. Davis to keep a lookout from that direction. Bellaire is the place they were last heard from. I had but five passengers to get on my train at Benwood, and when I arrived here and they found so few passengers, some were satisfied they had been sold. I shall use all my efforts to allay the fears of the citizens, as I feel satisfied there is no just cause for it.

A. P. SHUTT.

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Baltimore, Nov. 20th, 1859—2 P. M.

*Capt. J. T. Sinn, Frederick:*

Received your dispatch.

We thank you and your gallant corps for your prompt offer of further service, and will at once confer with Gov. Hicks as to adopting your excellent suggestion about a detachment at Sandy Hook.

We will advise you fully should there seem to be any immediate occasion for alarm on the Maryland side, which we do not apprehend.

W. P. SMITH.