

last evening, and intends to keep the troops for the present stationed, here and at Harper's Ferry. I delivered your package to the Governor.

I understand from Mr. Barbour that the Governor has some important information. You shall hear from me if there is anything of interest.

A. P. SHUTT.

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Relay House, Nov. 22d, 1859—4.23 P. M.

*W. P. Smith :*

I understand that I am to instruct Conductor of Mail East to leave cars off to take troops to Washington, and that they are to go by 4.20 train to-night.

J. M. LOWE.

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Richmond, 24th Nov., 1859.

*To J. W. Garrett, Pres't :*

Thanks for prompt attention.

W. H. RICHARDSON, A. G.

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Martinsburg, Nov. 24th, 1859—4.10 P. M.

*W. P. Smith :*

The authorities here wish to send up one hundred and twenty-five men by the way-train to-morrow morning for North Mountain, to guard Virginia side of the river, between there and Cherry Run—the cars to be taken on West after they have landed, which will not delay the trains. Notice to be given when they wish to return by same conveyance.

W. A. GORTON.

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Martinsburg, Nov. 24th, 1859—11.15 P. M.

*W. P. Smith :*

Was there a dispatch sent by you to Harper's Ferry, on Sunday evening, to this effect: "Conductors of all trains will pass James Post, the bearer of this dispatch, until December 1st, free of charge, and give him every facility and attention possible in furthering his important object." Answer.