

pass. It is important that our telegraph office and its business should be much more private than it is. All idlers or others not having business there must be kept out, and if necessary ask Capt. Barton, or some State officer to post sentinels there.

W. P. SMITH.

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Cumberland, Nov. 29th, 1859—5.26 P. M.

*O. Hoblitzell,*

Get Mr. England and go with him to see the President on his return, who will give my instructions about passengers for Baltimore for the main stem, verbally. Give Mr. Parsons same directions after seeing the President, as above. I will see Mr. Ford who will see Barry and McCaffrey. Tell the President I have arranged with Mr. Diffey to go out from Baltimore on both Western trains on Thursday. Give him a copy of my dispatch to Perham.

W. P. SMITH.

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Cumberland Nov. 29th, 1859.

*James Post,*

Martinsburg :

We gave you the order to ride entirely on the authority of the State officers of Virginia, and cannot renew it without their express requisition to that effect.

W. P. SMITH.

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Baltimore, Nov. 29, 1859—6.19 P. M.

*W. P. Smith,*

Cumberland :

Authorities are considering whether they will send to Harper's Ferry 252 soldiers from Fort Monroe, or but half that number, by morning train. The latter I have already arranged to go with mail train, but if they decide upon sending the whole number, it would probably be best to send special train ahead of mail. What do you say? I am waiting Col. Lee's decision as to number.

Have seen President and made later appointments with him, but will manage to be in telegraph office at 8 o'clock.

O. HOBLITZELL.