

Baltimore, Dec. 1st, 1859.

*C. W. Russell,*

Of Wheeling troops,  
Charlestown.

It being very desirable for me to learn at once, something of probable movement of troops on return, so as to provide for safe and prompt transport, I will be much favored if you will ascertain this and telegraph me.

W. P. SMITH.

Baltimore, December 1st, 1859.

*A. Diffey,*

*A. P. Shutt,*

Harper's Ferry, Va.

Have sent extra engine and ten passenger cars with one baggage car to Harper's Ferry, behind Mail, in charge of Conductor Walters, Hussell, Engineman.

As we will certainly need them, possibly this P. M., they must be put in siding at Ferry, and engine may go to Martinsburg, if not wanted early to day. Should any great number of citizens, editors or others, earnestly desire an earlier return than Express time in morning we may run an extra from Ferry at a proper hour this afternoon or evening. I am anxious to learn, if possible, about how many troops will leave on return to-morrow, and if any on Sunday, to make suitable provision for them.

W. P. SMITH.

Baltimore, December 1st, 1859—9.55 P. M.

*General Taliaferro,*

*Hon. A. Hunter,*

*A. P. Shutt,*

*A. Diffey,*

} Charlestown.

} Harper's Ferry.

As there will probably be very large numbers of troops,—besides other passengers, who may come down from Harper's Ferry to Baltimore and Washington, by our road, on to-morrow afternoon and Saturday, it is highly important for us to know at the very earliest moment their probable number, so as to make the necessary provision for their prompt and safe transportation.

We desire to know, therefore, something of the wishes and