

1861.

June 9th

The Governor made a requisition upon General Patterson, for troops, in the terms following:

State of Maryland,

Executive Chamber

Frederick city, June 9, 1861.

To Gen. Patterson,

Commanding U. S. forces, at or near Chambersburg, Pa.

Whereas, Lt. Gen. Scott has authorized me, by an accredited messenger, to make a requisition upon you for a detachment of troops, to be sent to Frederick city, if, in my discretion, I deem it necessary for the public welfare;

And, whereas, the city of Frederick is at any moment liable to attack by the rebels at Harper's Ferry and vicinity;

And, whereas, stores and provisions are daily sent from this city, and vicinity, to Virginia, in aid and comfort of the enemy, I having no means at my disposal of preventing said transportation of stores and provisions;

Now, therefore, I, Thomas S. Hicks, Governor of Maryland, do, by this my requisition, call upon you for such detachment of the troops under your command, as you, in your military knowledge, may deem sufficient for the purposes indicated; provided, your response to this requisition will not interfere with the safety of the great interests confided to you.

I have the honor to be

With high respect

Yr. obt. serv't

Thos. S. Hicks