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The following statement has been made to me by a gentleman of respectability, but whose connections with the Government induced him to decline giving to the public his name from fear of violence from the rioters, were it discovered. He states, that as he passed along the scene of disorder he saw two Germans who had been killed by the riot and the report was that many more had been killed. He saw the individuals who had been thrown in the fire, and the injury sustained thereby was so great as to render his recovery beyond hope. Many churches which had been in the occupation of Germans had been destroyed, and the work upon those sections had been entirely suspended when they had been under the control of Germans. He also states that he saw about two hundred Germans who had been engaged upon different sections taking their departure from along the line of canal, from fear of further violence from the rioters. He further states that the rioters have seized all the arms in the neighborhood, robbed the neighbors of several hundred dollars worth of property, and spread consternation through the whole adjoining country.

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Sir,

Your letter has just been received in which you inform me of a requisition made upon you by the local authorities of Allegany County for the aid of the Militia under your command, in suppressing a riot on the line of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal.

You are hereby authorized and directed to order out without loss of time as many of the Militia of your Brigade as may be necessary to suppress said riot, arrest the persons engaged on it, and preserve the public peace.

You will please inform me from day to day of the progress of the riot and of the operations of the Militia under your command.

D. H. Williams
Brig^{Gen} 2nd Brigade M. M.

Yours Respectfully
Wm. Grassman