

yesterday evening, and was joined by Capt^l Brosses and Troop
at Black Spring. Which place they left this morning early, and
will reach Col. Thurston this afternoon —

As it is impracticable
to station a permanent military force on the line of the Canal,
and it is very important to bring the present Campaign to as
speedy a close as possible Col. Thurston is directed to take
prompt, active, and decisive measures to arrest the persons
named in the list furnished him, and who are represented as hav-
ing been active leaders in the late riot — To disarm all the
Laborers on the line, and also to arrest any contractor, sub-con-
tractor, Boss, or other person whom he suspects or believes to be
advising an opposition to his orders, or the laws of the State,
or in any manner countenancing, aiding or sheltering the labor-
ers in their riotous conduct — In taking this step, I shall
be glad to know that I have your approbation, and take plea-
-sure in assuring your Excellency, of the high estimation in
which I hold the military character and skill, of the ex-
-cellent officer who is intrusted with the command of the
Troops — and from the promptitude and ability with which he
has heretofore discharged his duty in the execution of my
orders I have no doubt, the result of the present campaign will
prove honourable to himself and satisfactory to the officers and men
under his command —

A rumour has just reached here, that an affray had
occurred on the canal, near Cumberland, since the march of the
troops in which one man was killed and some wounded, and that
the inhabitants of the town were in a state of great apprehension and
alarm — If the report be true, our troops may have some
work to do — You shall hear by the mail this Evening —

To
His Excellency
Governor Mason
Annapolis.

Yr. H. Serv^t
John Williams Brig^{de} Gen^l
2^d Brig^{de} Art^y

P. O. No 50 High St. No. 10
Cumberland August 25th 1639.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of yours of 24th
inst. The list of names presents a tangible object. I shall march at 7 o'clock
on Tuesday morning (27th) and proceed to Lewins 25 miles down the
road, that day I shall march with a mounted company ordered to