

I hasten to say if so, as I doubt not it is, that I entirely endorse such order by whomsoever given, and further to ask that such Company be detain'd upon and near ~~the~~ the new line adjoining Virginia until the necessity for such force shall have pass'd by. In regard to the Armory at Frederick, ~~that~~ that during the threatened outbreak it should be locked to by commanding officers, and if arms shall be needed to repel invasion by Northern Fanatics, then let them be withdrawn by said Commanding officers under your order, or otherwise when necessary

Your obt. Servant
Thos. St. Aicks

Annapolis
Nov 28th 1859

Col. Jos. P. Warren,

Yours with copy to hand notice and action on your part appreciated, and with my thanks allow me to say, that I desire you with your Command to be in readiness for emergency shall it arise.

I have a police or scouting force in border Counties, viz. Frederick, Washington and Allegany Counties who will give notice at earliest occasion for alarm. When shall it occur, I desire all shall be ready and quietly in motion.

I cannot suppose there are many more mad Browns, and yet think it prudent to prepare for the worst, arising at some time, creating excitement.

Very Respectfully
your obt. Servant
Thos. St. Aicks

State of Maryland

Executive Department
Annapolis Oct. 28th 1859

Joseph Byrne Esq
Sir,

Your favour to hand - Contents considered as fully as circumstances allow - being much press'd by business matters, principally upon subject on which you write - And first let me say that I yesterday forwarded Authority to Sheriff of your County as also that of Frederick, ordering inauguration at once of a sufficient Patrol (made efficient of course) to scour your County attending particularly to guard state line and the border of Maryland on Virginia, particularly those parts adjacent to Pennsylvania. In event of marauders or suspicious persons making any notice will be given and military force brought