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State of Maryland, Executive Chamber
Annapolis, July 25 1861

Lieut Genl Scott

Dear Sir,

I write a brief note without knowing that I do not trouble you improperly, I wish to know, if it may be found necessary, whether or not a stand of arms, say 2000 Minnie Rifles can be had from the General Government, to meet an emergency if it shall arise. Temporarily, these arms may be necessary, I do not know that the necessity may not be manifested.

Do not think me alarmed, I only wish to be prepared for what may by possibility come up. I am urging the Northern people to make no military show out or about the 4th of March, as I see a course with them,

I do not know what the minority of desperate men in Maryland may work out. You may notice by the papers that our secessionists are straining every nerve to get up agitation here; so far it is a poor effort.

I shall be glad to hear from you - and if I have asked at the wrong place for information, please pardon, I desire to avoid unnecessary excitement - therefore trouble you, as one knowing and prudent,

With great respect, I have the honor to be
Your obt Servt
Thomas H. Hicks

Baltimore, July 9th 1861

Hon. Thomas H. Hicks

Dear Sir,

I find that there is a case of the state in the Superior Court which will be for trial early next week. It is brought under an Act of the last session to forfeit the Charter of the Washington Turnpike road Company. Mr Neilson Poe has been employed by private owners of property on the road to aid the state, he has prepared the case pretty much, Mr Whitney not having time to do much in the matter. He wishes assistance from the state and I find myself compelled either to get some one to take my place here for a few days or so in the Criminal Court or to ask you to appoint some one to represent the state in this particular case in the Superior Court. I have a vast deal of work to do in the Criminal Court next week and I don't see how I can attend to the case. I will be obliged if you will if convenient with your ideas, appoint as possible some gentleman to act in this case, no time is to be lost. The case is as follows. State of Maryland against the President and Managers and Company of the Washington and Baltimore Turnpike Company.