

and to the Commissioner from Alabama, who came with the same object as that declared in your communication. To this, I respectfully refer you for opinions of mine upon this matter, which I have seen no reason to retract.

According to your request, I enclose to you the Commission under which you act. And

I have the honor to be
your obedient servant
Thos. H. Hicks

State of Maryland
Executive Department
April 17th 1861

To the Honorable
The Secretary of War of the
United States,

Sir, The Condition of affairs in this State at this time requires that arms should be placed in the hands of true men and loyal to the United States Government alone. I have therefore to request that you place at the disposal or subject to the order of John R. Kerby, Esq., Assistant Adjutant General of this State, such number of arms as may be required for arming four regiments of Militia for the service of the United States and the Federal Government.

I have the honor to be
your obedient servant
Thos. H. Hicks
Gov. of Maryland

War Department
April 17th 1861

This Excellency
Thomas H. Hicks
Governor of Maryland.

Dear Sir,

The President has referred to me your letter of this day, and, in reply, I have the honor to say that the troops to be raised in Maryland will be needed for the defense of this Capital, and of the public property in that State and neighborhood. There is no intention of removing them beyond those points.

Very respectfully
Simon Cameron
Secretary of War

Baltimore, April 17th 1861

To the President of the United States.

Sir,

From the conversation I had yesterday, in