

Washington, with the Secretary of War, and with Lieutenant General Scott, I understood that the four regiments of Militia to be called for from Maryland were to be posted and retained within the limits of this state, for the defense of the United States Government, the maintenance of the Federal authority, and the protection of the Federal Capital. I also understood it was the intention of the United States Government not to require their services outside of Maryland, except in defense of the District of Columbia.

Will you do me the favour to state, in reply, whether I am right in this understanding, so that, in responding to the lawful demands of the United States Government I may be able to give effective and reliable aid for the support and defense of this Union.

I have the honor to be your obedient servant
 Thos B Hicks
 Governor of Maryland

War Department
 Washington, April 17th 1861

To His Excellency
 Thos. B Hicks

Governor of Maryland.

Sir: The President has referred to me your communication of this date, in relation to our conversation of the previous day, and I have the honor to say, in reply, that your statement of it is correct.

The troops called for from Maryland are destined for the protection of the Federal Capital and the public property of the United States within the limits of the state of Maryland; and it is not intended to remove them beyond those limits except for the defense of this District.

I have the honor to be yours
 Simon Cameron
 Secretary of War

War Department
 Washington, April 18th 1861

To His Excellency
 Thos. B Hicks

Governor of Maryland.

Sir: The President is informed that threats are made, and measures taken by unlawful combinations of misguided citizens of Maryland, to prevent by force the transit of United States troops, across Maryland, on their way pursuant to orders, for the defence of this Capital. The information is from such sources and in such shapes that the President thinks it his duty to make it known to you, so that all loyal and patriotic citizens of your state