

may be warned in times, and that you may be prepared to take immediate and effective measures against it. Such an attempt could only have the most deplorable consequences, and it would be as agreeable to the President as it would be to yourself that it should be prevented, or overcome by the loyal authorities and citizens of Maryland, rather than averted by any other means.

I am very respectfully yours &
Simon Cameron
Secretary of War

State of Maryland
Executive Chamber
Annapolis, April 20th 1861

Wm. S. Cameron
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Since I saw you in Washington last, I have been in Baltimore City, laboring in conjunction with the Mayor of that City to preserve peace and order, but I regret to say with little success. Up to yesterday there appeared promise, but the outbreak came, the turbulent passions of the riotous element prevailed, fear for safety became reality, what they had endeavored to conceal, but what was known to us was no longer concealed but made manifest; the rebellious element had the control of things. We were arranging and organizing forces to protect the City and preserve order, but want of organization, of arms, prevented success. They had arms, they had the principal part of the organized military forces with them, and for us to have made the effort under the circumstances, would have had the effect to aid the disorderly element. They took possession of the armories, have the arms and ammunition, and I therefore think it prudent, to decline (for the present) responding affirmatively to the requisition made by President Lincoln, for four regiments of infantry. With great respect I am your obedient
Thomas H. Hicks

Fredrick City, Md. April 20th 1861

His Excellency

Thos. H. Hicks

Governor of the State of Maryland
Annapolis, Md.

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In obedience to Special Order, No 106 Adjutant General's Office Washington, D.C. of April 15th 1861, (detailing me to muster into the service of the United States, the troops of this State called out by the President's proclamation of that date) I have the honor to report to you my arrival at this place.

I would be pleased to receive from you, at your earliest