

Annapolis, April 21st 1861

To the Mayor of Baltimore:

It is rumored here that men have been for from Baltimore to come here to prevent the landing of troops, do not let them come, the troops will not land here.

Th. H. Hicks

State of Maryland
Executive Chamber,

Annapolis April 20th 1861

To the Commander of the Volunteer Troops on Board the Steamer:

Sir, I would most earnestly advise that you do not land your men at Annapolis. The excitement here is very great, and I think that you should take your men elsewhere. I have telegraphed to the Secretary of War, advising against your landing your men here.

Very Respectfully

your obedient servant

Thos. H. Hicks
Governor of MarylandSeal of the State of
Massachusetts

Off Annapolis, April 22nd 1861
His Excellency Thomas H. Hicks Governor of Maryland,

In reply to the communication from you on the 21st I had the honor to inform you of the necessities of my command, which drew me into the harbor of Annapolis. My circumstances have not changed, so that communication I have received no reply, I cannot return, if I desire so to do, without being furnished with some necessary supplies, for all which the money will be paid. I desire of your Excellency an immediate reply, whether I have the permission of the state authority of Maryland to land the men under my command, and of passing quickly through the state, on my way to Washington, respecting private property and paying for what I receive, and outraging the rights of none - a duty which I am bound to do in obedience to the requisitions of the President of the United States?

I have received some copies of an informal correspondence between the Mayor of Baltimore and the President of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, and a copy of a note from your Excellency, enclosing the same to Capt. Blake, Commandant of the Naval School.

These purport to show that instructions have been issued by the War Department as to the disposition of the United States Militia, differing from what I had supposed to be my duty. If these instructions have been in fact issued, it would give me great pleasure to obey them - I have I fear your Excellency's permission, in consideration of