

State of Maryland
Executive Chamber, Annapolis, April 22nd 1861

To Brig. Genl. B. F. Butler;

Sir,

I am in receipt of your two communications of this date, informing me of your intention to land the men under your command at Annapolis, for the purpose of marching thence to the City of Washington. I content myself with protesting against this movement, which, in view of the excited condition of the people of this State, I cannot but consider an unwise step on the part of the Government. But I most earnestly urge upon you that there shall be no halt made by the troops in this City.

Very Respectfully
your obedient servant
Thos. H. Hicks

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To Brig. Genl. B. F. Butler;

Sir,

Having, in pursuance of the power vested in me by the Constitution of Maryland, summoned the Legislature of the State to assemble on Friday the 26th instant, and Annapolis being the place in which according to law, it must assemble, and having been credibly informed that you have taken military possession of the Annapolis and Elk Ridge Railroad, I deem it my duty to protest against this step; because, without at present assigning any other reason, I am informed that such occupancy of said road will prevent the members of the Legislature from reaching this City.

Very Respectfully yours
Thos. H. Hicks

Seal of the State of
Massachusetts

Headquarters Third Brigade
United States Militia
Annapolis, Md. April 23rd 1861

To His Excellency Thos H. Hicks,

Governor of Maryland.

You are credibly informed that I have taken possession of the Annapolis and Elk Ridge Railroad. It might have escaped your notice, but at the official meeting between your Excellency and the Mayor of Annapolis, and the authorities of the Government and myself, it was expressly stated as the reason why I should not land, that my troops could not pass the railroad because the Company had taken up the rails, and they were private property.