

State of Maryland
Executive Chamber, Annapolis
April 23rd 1861

To Brig. Genl. B. F. Butler;

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this morning, tendering the force under your Command to aid in suppressing a rumored insurrection of the slaves in this County.

I thank you most sincerely for the tender of your men, but I had, before the receipt of your letter, directed the Sheriff of the County to act in the matter; and am confident that the Citizens of the County are fully able to suppress any insurrection of our slave population.

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

To His Excellency Andrew Curtin, Commander in Chief of the Forces of Pennsylvania;

Sir,

Should this dispatch be forwarded to you, Countersigned by His Excellency Thomas H. Hicks, Governor of Maryland, you will please to understand that the insurgents have surrendered the Pikesville Arsenal, and that it, therefore, will not be necessary to advance your troops, as you were yesterday requested by me,

B. F. Butler
Brigadier General

Annapolis, April 24th 1861.

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To Brig. Genl. B. F. Butler,

Sir,

A dispatch signed by you, addressed to Gov. A. Curtin, has been received by me with a verbal request that I countersign it, and have it forwarded to its address.

In reference to the Arsenal at Pikesville, I have no official information, I do not know who is now in possession of it, I am cut off from all communication with other parts of the State, and have no means to forward your dispatch, if I were willing to countersign it,

I am compelled, therefore, to decline to accede to your request

Very Respectfully
your obedient servant
Thos H Hicks