

Pt. Rocks, April 25 1861

Governor Hicks

I Command you to protect my property which has been seized by the Virginia or Harpers ferry troops on yesterday and is now this morning being placed on cars to go to Virginia. I protest against and fall on my state (Maryland) for protection & damages. There 200 troops here at this place & discharging my boat loaded with grain from Berlin Frederick County. I wrote to your Sheriff or telegraphed to him, yesterday he telegraphed back, he had no instructions to act, and fall on the state of Virginia. I want and won't take ba for it and Command the state to pay me for my grain. I want protection and damages. I wrote to the Attorney of Frederick County your attention Berlin Frederick Co., Md.

Yours truly  
C. F. Wrenner

State of Maryland  
Executive Chamber

Frederick City, April 26<sup>th</sup> 1861.

To the Sheriff of Frederick County, Sir,

I have received information to the effect that the Virginia troops now stationed at or near Harpers Ferry have seized upon and appropriated to their use some property belonging to a citizen of Maryland, said property being at the time of seizure within the limits of Maryland. I am also informed that you have official cognizance of the matter.

Will you do me the favour to furnish me, in writing, with such information as you possess in reference to said seizure.

Very Respectfully, your obt. Servt  
Thos. H. Hicks

Sheriff's Office, Frederick, Md.  
April 27<sup>th</sup> 1861

To his Excellency the Governor of Maryland, Sir,

In reply to your enquiry of the 26<sup>th</sup> inst. I herewith give you copies of the dispatches received by me, dated Point of Rocks April 24<sup>th</sup> 1861 to the Sheriff of Frederick County. My boat loaded with grain bound from Berlin to Georgetown is detained at this point by order of officers in command at Harpers Ferry. I demand your protection, and will hold the state of Maryland responsible for said detention and for all damages done with said cargo, Answer.

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C. F. Wrenner,