

Your petitioners assure you was a meeting swayed by passion & prejudice, led by a Republican who to further excite the elements he had before him, used against Virginians such expletives as Plunderers, Rascals, Cowardly Rebels, Thieves &c,

The Memorial did not receive more than twenty votes, many of the undersigned refusing to oppose it from disgust at the proceedings.

We assure your Excellency that as far as our experience goes - and most of us have farms near Harper's Ferry - and would have every knowledge of depredations committed by troops - that their demeanor towards Marylanders has been generally very courteous.

The grievances complained of in the Memorial to your Excellency - were not authorized by the Commanding officers of the forces at Harper's Ferry.

A formal assurance was sent by the Commander in Chief at Harper's Ferry, to the Citizens of Newmarket assuring them that no authority had been given troops to search houses in Md - and that no such authority would be given them.

The evidence before the meeting proved that only one house was entered by them, and that peacefully - and that they returned to Harper's Ferry so soon as requested by our citizens to discontinue the search.

- 25th April 1861,
- Mr. C. Kirkhart
- Geo. S. O'Byrne
- J. S. Moore
- Geo. D. Link
- Warren Garrett
- J. E. Loughbridge
- H. F. Deaver
- Robert H. Boteler
- Chas. Thomas

- Your Excellency, Most Obedt Servt,
- James H. Elgin
- B. Stonetraker
- G. E. Stonetraker
- Mr. E. O'Byrne
- Robt. Custer
- Augustus Johnson
- Robt. B. Carlisle
- Mr. Loughbridge
- Saul Barnes
- Saml. B. Preston

Head Quarters 2nd Divⁿ U. S. A.

Hon. J. M. Hicks
Gov. of Maryland.

Dear Sir

Your order to the armorer at Easton to "deliver to Messrs Nathan Harrington, Thos H. W. Lambdin and John McDear or either of them one hundred stand of arms" and to "take a receipt for the same and report to the Adj't Genl" was referred to me by the armorer who had received such directions to issue no arms except by my authority.

These directions were given in consequence of applications which have been made to the armorer both from this and other Counties and without anticipating such an