

instructions, to require into the facts and make report to me.

I desire to cultivate amicable relations with the people of Maryland, and with view will give instructions to Col. Jackson, to restrain those under his command from all acts of violence and lawlessness.

As soon as I receive a report from that officer I will communicate further with you.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt
John Litcher

State of Maryland

Executive Chamber, Frederick City, May 1st 1861
Hon. Reverdy Johnson having kindly consented to proceed to Washington for conference with the President and his Cabinet, or any one or more of them, in regard to the difficulties now agitating our government and people; and having full confidence in the integrity and ability of Mr. Johnson, this will authorize him to act for me, and will oblige me to endorse whatever he may do with reference to staying the march of troops through Baltimore City, for a few days, until the furor originated by the secessionists shall subside, Mr. Johnson can also inform the President and Cabinet how far the innocent will suffer with the guilt if a second disgraceful outbreak shall occur in the streets of Baltimore; and how far the orderly and law-abiding people of that city outnumber those who are likely to provoke a collision.

I should have accompanied Mr. Johnson, but my official duties prevent me from so doing.

Thos H. Hicks

Post Office, Baltimore, May 1st 1861

To

Hon. Thomas H. Hicks, Governor of Maryland,
Dear Sir,

I hereby resign the office of Comptroller of the Treasury of Maryland. Permit me to embrace the opportunity of bearing testimony on my part to the agreeable relations which have existed between us as officers of the State Government.

Most respectfully
Your obt. Servt
Wm. A. Russell

State of Maryland
Executive Chamber
Frederick City, May 9th 1861