

Gov. Wm. H. Russell,

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 1<sup>st</sup> instant resigning the Comptrollership of the Treasury was duly received.

Permit me to sincerely reciprocate the testimony you bear to the agreeable relations which have existed between us as officers of the State Government,

Very Respectfully,  
Thos. H. Hicks

State of Maryland  
Executive Chamber  
Frederick City, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1861

To Brig Genl. R. Thomas:

I have received your copy of a resolution passed by the Committee of Safety of Talbot County, and also a communication from Church Gilchman, Cy. on the subject.

I gave the order for the arms referred to because Paston had already an over proportion of arms, inasmuch as two Companies had been armed there out of the \$75,000 appropriation, and because I believe of St. Michaels district was entitled to and needed the arms asked for.

I desire my order in the premises to be complied with, and you are hereby charged with its execution.

Thos. H. Hicks

State of Maryland  
Executive Chamber  
Frederick City, May 8<sup>th</sup> 1861

To the Editors of the American,

In a recent publication by the Marshal of Police of Baltimore City is the following statement:

"The Governor then sent for me, and in company with the Mayor I went to his Chamber, and the condition of the city, the dangers of a sanguinary conflict in the event of troops coming to it whilst the public mind was so highly inflamed, being fully discussed, the Governor deemed it proper and agreed with Mayor Brown and myself that the bridges on the roads by which troops would likely come should be destroyed, as the only means of impeding them and avoiding the threatened conflict, and the Mayor and Board of Police then issued the order to that effect."

This statement bearing an official appearance I deem it due to myself to deny that portion of it to the effect that I sent for the Mayor of Police, and that portion of it to the effect that I agreed that the bridges should be destroyed.

I should not deem it necessary to publish this disclaimer.