

but for the fact that a special message sent to the Senate of Maryland, on the 1st instant; in reference to this matter, has not appeared in the public prints, that message was as follows:

"Gentlemen of the Senate
of the 2nd instant inquiring, if I consented, or authorized the burning of the Bridges on the Northern Central and the Baltimore, Wilmington and Philadelphia Railroad" I have to say, that I neither authorized or consented to the destruction of said Bridges; but left the whole matter in the hands of the Mayor of the City of Baltimore; with the declaration that I had no authority in the premises; - that I was a lover of law and order, and could not participate in such proceedings."

You will oblige me by publishing the foregoing
Very Respectfully
Yours &c
Thos A Hicks

State of Maryland
Executive Chamber
Frederick City May 8th 1861

To His Excellency
Abraham Lincoln
President of the United States.

Sir;

I deem it to be my duty to inform you that the Virginia troops at and near Harpers Ferry have seized Canal boats laden with produce destined to George Town and Washington; have planted batteries at important positions in the neighborhood; and have grossly violated the rights and injured the property of Citizens of Maryland.

I also deem it my duty to apprise you that I am unofficially informed that a certain Jeruch Gilghman of Oxford, Talbot County Maryland, has seized upon the United States Custom House at Oxford in this State, and refuses to give possession thereof to the person recently appointed by you to perform the duties of collector at that Port.

I suggest in reference in reference to this that the U.S. Attorney for the District of Maryland be directed by you to inquire into the matter and institute such proceedings as may lead to the punishment of the offenders.

In regard to the aggressions of the Virginia troops, I trust your excellency will take such prompt steps as will effectually prevent their recurrence.

Thos A Hicks