

To the People of Maryland,
 A communication from the Mayor of Baltimore to the House of Delegates, published by that body yesterday, is designed to implicate me in the destruction of the Railroad Bridge, near Baltimore on the 19th ultimo, this too in face of the fact that I had, in a recent official communication to the Senate, positively denied any complicity in the matter.

By the Mayor's communication and accompanying certificates have induced any person to doubt my true position in the premises, I respectfully ask a suspension of judgment until a sufficient time be afforded me to collect the necessary proof, and show, as I shall be able to do most conclusively, that the destruction of the Bridge was a part of the conspiracy of those acting against the Government, and was known and proclaimed in other parts of the State, before the destruction was consummated.

Whether Mayor Brown did or did not know of this part of the programme, I am unable to say, I am charitable enough to believe that he did not know of it, his peculiar surroundings, and agitated condition of mind, at the time referred to, may reasonably enough account for his assent to the transaction. But any person who knows my opinion of George P. Kane and Brock & Lowe, will at once admit that I would be very slow to assent to any proposition emanating from or endorsed by them.

Their introduction into my bed chamber, at a late hour of the night, to urge my consent to the perpetration of an unlawful act, was not calculated to convince me of the propriety or necessity of that act, Men do not readily take counsel of their enemies.

So soon as the heavy pressure upon my time shall have somewhat subsided, I will lay before the public a full refutation of this nefarious attempt to involve an innocent person in an unwarranted proceeding. Until that time I request a suspension of public opinion,
 Frederick, Md. May 11th 1861. Thomas H. Hicks

State of Maryland
 Executive Chamber
 Frederick City May 11th 1861

To Genl. E. Shriver:

You are hereby directed to call out the 16th Regiment of the 9th Brigade 4th Division, M. A. or such part thereof as you may deem necessary, and hold the same in readiness for service, wherever, in your judgment, the peace and quiet of this city and the surrounding country shall demand such service; to order the same out at any time, on such service as you may deem proper,
 Thomas H. Hicks