

The patience with which they have submitted to almost
 innumerable sawfies, and when they remember the further fact
 that the dignities of the first spot in Maryland in which the
 flag of their Country was raised after the disgraceful scene of
 the 19th April '61. The orders the past demands is not that these
 proceedings be simply prohibited for the future, but that those parties
 who have been chosen in open contempt of law, with disregard of
 the common interests of humanity, be punished off by force of
 arms, be restored to their homes, and the men who have committed
 the crimes punished. I know you will do what you can.
 I have just learned that several other parties of our count
 are now being visited by these negroes. The greatest panic
 prevails among the white negro population. They are fleeing in
 every direction and seeking refuge in the woods.
 Please to time hear from you
 as soon as convenient.

Very sincerely
 Your friend & Obedt. Servant
 H. R. Canoe Esq.

I have just learned that the name of one of these white men
 was Lieut. Dosty. He stated that he was acting under the other
 name not known.

H. R. C.

This man he said he was a captain, and his name as Butler

State of Maryland
 Executive Department
 Annapolis May 12th 1861

His Excellency Abraham Lincoln
 Pres. of the States

It is with great reluctance that
 at such a time as this when we are all looking with such anxiety
 to operations in Virginia, that I would add anything to your cares
 in the consideration of matters in Maryland; but the proceedings
 related in letters from Dorchester County just received, and a copy
 of which I enclose, are of such a character that I feel constrained
 to place them immediately before you, earnestly inviting your
 attention thereto, and such actions as may afford a proper redress,
 and punish the authors of the outrage.

Very personally know I
 think the men. Dr. Canoe than them no more truthful,
 high minded, or loyal. Genl. Lemaw can be found in the State
 and he in this letter refers to occurrences coming within his personal
 knowledge. It would seem to be indeed almost incredible
 that anywhere outside of the Rebel territory such a spectacle could
 be witnessed - and that old men and boys, the lame and the blind,
 men not subject to draft - and in a district where no draft
 has lately taken place, and which as I now understand is