The South.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 22, 1861.

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pledged him to the full vindication of the inviolability of the soil of Maryland against any invading force.

Governor Hicks said in substance:

Fellow Citizens and Gentlemen of Baltimore:—I feel really grateful for the evidence of respect, and the high compliment conveyed in your cordial cheers.

Your excellent Mayor has said, and well said, all that I feel it would be proper for me to say on this occasion.

I came here not to make a speech at this late hour, but simply in response to your complimentary invitation. My presence in your beautiful city is indeed due to accident. I came here not to assume any part in the direction of your municipal affairs, already in able hands, but solely on business of my own. Detained here beyond my expected time of departure, I witnessed with anxiety the increase of excitement in your midst, and held several conferences with your Mayor upon the subject. I am gratified to state that in those conferences we entirely and cordially agreed upon every point of duty.

I could not take it upon myself to dictate the course to be pursued in this exigency. It was my wish simply to co-operate with you. [Great applause.]

The Governor, said in continuation, that he had ever been devotedly attached to the Union, and recited a patriotic verse extolling the grandeur of the American Union. The Union was now apparently broken, but he trusted that its reconstruction may yet be brought about.

[Vehement shouts of "Never," "Never," groans and hisses.]

Resuming, he said: But, if otherwise, I bow in submission to the mandate of the people. [Cheers.] If separate we must, in God's name let us separate in peace; for I would rather, he said, this right arm should be separated from my body, than raise it against a brother. [Cheers, and which the Governor bowed and retired.]

Upon the conclusion of the Governor's speech, the crowd quietly dispersed to the various points of interest and attraction throughout the city.

THE CLEARING OF THE APPROACHES.

The importance of destroying the approaches leading to the city—if only for the sake of gaining a few hours time in which to make some preparation for the defence of the assaulted ones city—was universally recognized. Soon after nightfall private parties left the city for the purpose of burning the bridges on the Northern Central and Philadelphia Railroads. At a later hour the same work was undertaken and more thoroughly accomplished under the direction of the City and State authorities, in consequence of information received through Wm. Prescott Smith, Esq., Master of Transportation of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, to the effect that the troops were certainly coming through. Mr. Smith had received, early in the evening, a despatch from J. Edgar Thompson, Esq., of Philadelphia, President of the Pennsylvania Central road, enquiring whether it was true that any portion of the troops sent from Philadelphia had been turned back. Mr. Smith replied that it was true, and that such was the state of public sentiment in Baltimore that it was impossible for any more troops to come through—that a town meeting was then in progress, at which the Governor and the Mayor were present, and that all classes were united in the determination to oppose their passage. Mr. Thompson replied that it was impossible to prevent the troops of the United States from proceeding to the defence of the Federal Capital, "Arm" he added every Union man, and put down the populace." This last dispatch, received by Mr. Smith at a late hour of the night, was immediately communicated by him to the Marshal of Police, who communicated it to the Commissioners, the Governor and the Mayor. As it was once plain by which route the troops might approach Baltimore, the destruction of the bridges on both the Northern Central and Philadelphia roads was immediately resolved upon. Which commissioners were made out by the Mayor, with the authority of the Governor of the State of Maryland, and of the undersigned, Mayor of the city," and addressed to Col. Isaac Trimble and Col. George P. Kane—an thorizing them to perform the work of destruction, and to use whatever force might be necessary for the purpose. Accordingly about 2½ o'clock A. M. two parties left the city, one consisting of a detachment of the City Guards, under Col. Kane, for the Northern Central road. The other of a detachment of the Maryland Guards, under Col. Trimble, for the Philadelphia road. Each detachment was accompanied by a regular crowbars, and hydraulic equipped with jacks, axes, crowbars, and hydraulic oil of turpentine and camphene. Col. Trimble proceeded as far as the Relay House, twenty-four miles from Baltimore, and burnt the bridge in such a manner as to render it impossible to repair it and make it fit for the last mode of transportation in less time than three weeks or one month return-ing, he burnt the bridge over the Gunpowder having left that at Harris' creek on his way out—that over Back river was left standing for strategical reasons. Col. Trimble's original plan was to go to Havre de Grace, seize the ferry boat, and bring it around to Baltimore, but this plan he was defeated in carrying out, by information received at the eleventh hour of the passenger train due here at 2 A. M., to the effect that two thousand Pennsylvanians would have arrived at the Ferry before he could possibly reach it there. Col. Trimble returned to Baltimore with the command about 4 P. M., on Saturday. Col. Kane returned at an earlier hour, having accomplished the destruction of the bridges on the Northern Central Road, as far as Cockeysville, distant 21 miles from the city by rail. The telegraph poles and wires on both roads, were also cut and destroyed in several places. No bridge on the Washington railroad was destroyed, as it was deemed of no avail to preserve both the main stem and the Washington Branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad for the transportation of the troops that may be expected from Virginia at the South.

PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR.

On Saturday morning Mayor Brown issued the following proclamation:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
BALTIMORE, April 20, 1861. }

All citizens having arms suitable for the defence of the city, and which they are willing to contribute for that purpose, are requested to report them at the office of the Marshal of Police.

GEO. WM. BROWN, Mayor.

This report was promptly responded to, and a large quantity of arms secured.

ACTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

The City Councils met on Saturday morning in special session. Present John C. Blackburn, Esq., President, and all the members except Mr. Ellis. President in the chair and proceeding to that effect the members of the Second Branch entered the First Branch Chamber shortly after organization, and were introduced in session. After continuing in session for an hour the Second Branch members retired to their Chamber.

Gen. M. Gill, Esq., appeared in the chamber with a telegraph despatch from Messrs. Reed, Dobbin and Brune, at Washington, which had been received by the Mayor. Brune, at Washington, which had been received by the Mayor. Brune, at Washington, which had been received by the Mayor.