

May 4th.

In response to a message from the Senate, the Governor this day transmitted to that Body the following communication:

State of Maryland

Executive Chamber

Frederick City, May 4, 1861.

Gentlemen of the Senate.

In response to your order of the 3rd instant, inquiring "if I consented to or authorised the burning of the Bridges on the Northern Central and the Baltimore, Wilmington and Philadelphia Railroads;" I have to say: That I neither authorised 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.

Thomas A. Hicks.