

Baltimore, October 17th, 1859—10 P. M.

*W. P. Smith,*

The President has just received information from Gov. Wise that he will dispatch two companies of troops from Richmond, to-morrow morning, to connect with our Express west in the afternoon, and that more will follow if necessary. Gov. Wise will confer with Mr. Garrett here, in the morning, and proceed to Harper's Ferry by the mail train. I shall remain in the office all night.

CHAS. E. WATERS.

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Baltimore, Oct. 17, 1859.

*James Buchanan,*

President of the United States, Washington:

All the trains on the road are stopped. The mail train going West has been stopped and forced to return, and the conductor has been made prisoner. Our agents report by telegraph that seven hundred whites and blacks are in arms and in full possession of the U. S. Armory. They report also that the slaves are taken possession of by the insurrectionists. It is a moment full of peril. General Steuart is awaiting your reply.

4.38 P. M.

JOHN W. GARRETT,

Pres't B. & O. R. R. Co.

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Frederick, Oct. 17th, 1859—4 P. M.

*W. P. Smith:*

The military started at 3.45 P. M.

JOHN T. QUYNN.

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Monocacy, Oct. 17th, 1859—3.32 P. M.

*W. P. Smith:*

Capt. Shriver proceeded as far as Gibson's Switch, east end of Harper's Ferry Bridge, and found the state of things so bad he returned to this place, and has gone to Frederick to get the three military companies from there, and proceed back to Harper's Ferry to show fight if necessary.

F. MANTZ.