

Harper's Ferry, October 18, 1859,

To L. M. Cole:

12 midnight.

Arrived at Sandy Hook before 11, and car with Col. Lee arrived soon after. Have given telegraph up to reporters, who are in force strong as military. Express east and west will pass bridge at about 2 o'clock. The battle this afternoon, of near one hour's duration, was fought mainly by our tonnage men, from Martinsburg, under Capt. Alburdis, of the late Mexican war. Evan Dorsey, conductor, is killed, conductors Brown and Wollett, are wounded, latter seriously. Squire Beckham our agent was killed instantly on platform near hotel. No damage whatever done our track or bridge. Mr. Hoblitzell goes to Baltimore, on express, and will give you ample particulars.

W. P. SMITH.

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Baltimore, Oct. 18th, 1859.

Hon. Henry A. Wise,

Governor, etc.:

The President directs me to say, that as the train from Baltimore in the morning will be held there for the arrival of the troops from Fortress Monroe, you will have two hours in which to confer with him previous to your departure from Harper's Ferry.

He will be at Camden Station, Baltimore, on the arrival of the train from Washington.

CHAS. E. WATERS.

To care of agents at Washington and Relay House, who will be prompt to deliver in morning.

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Relay House, October 18, 1859.

To the President of the United States,

Washington, D. C.:

At the request of Gov. Wise, I transmit the following message from him, he having left this place on the way to Harper's Ferry. He says that as the government treasure has been plundered and taken from Harper's Ferry, and as slaves have been taken away by the marauders, he desires