

recollection of what occurred at the interview with Governor Hicks.

With great respect, your ob't serv't,

GEO. WM. BROWN, Mayor.

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*Baltimore, May 9, 1861.*

About twelve o'clock, on the night of Friday, 19th April last, I was present when a conversation took place between Gov. Hicks and my brother, the Mayor of Baltimore, in reference to the best course to be pursued, by which a repetition of the troubles which had occurred on that day could be prevented.

It was represented to them by Marshal Kane that troops from the North were on their way to Baltimore, and might by the following morning reach the city.

The destruction of the bridges on the Northern Centrals and the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore railroad, was, in the opinion of my brother, the best and most effectual method to obstruct their progress. In this opinion Gov. Hicks fully concurred. When asked by my brother, whether or not he gave his consent to the measure, the Governor expressed a desire for time for reflection. Being reminded by those present of the lateness of the hour, and the necessity for prompt action, my brother again earnestly appealed to Gov. Hicks, and asked him for his consent. Gov. Hicks' answer was, in substance, although I may not use his exact words,—“I see nothing else to be done.” “But sir,” said my brother, “I cannot act without your consent, do you give it?” The Governor's reply was distinctly given in the affirmative.

J. CUMMING BROWN.

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#### POLICE DEPARTMENT.

OFFICE OF THE MARSHAL,

*Baltimore, May 9, 1861.*

Near the hour of 12 P. M. of Friday, the 19th April, the day on which the collision with the Massachusetts troops occurred, I received intelligence that the President of the