

COPY OF DISPATCHES FROM BRIG. GEN. BUTLER TO
GOVERNOR CURTIN.

*To His Excellency Andrew Curtin, Commander in Chief of the Forces
of Pennsylvania:*

Sir: Should this dispatch be forwarded to you, countersigned by His Excellency Thomas H. Hicks, Governor of Maryland, you will please to understand that the insurgents have surrendered Pikeville Arsenal, and that it, therefore, will not be necessary to advance your troops, as you were yesterday requested by me.

B. F. BUTLER,
Brigadier General.

Annapolis, April 24, 1861.

STATE OF MARYLAND, }
Executive Chamber, Annapolis April 24th, 1861 }

To Brig. Gen. B. F. Butler:

Sir—A dispatch signed by you, addressed to Gov. A. Curtin, has been received by me, with a verbal request that I countersign it, and have it forwarded to its address.

In reference to the Arsenal at Pikeville, I have no official information. I do not know who is now in possession of it. I am cut off from all communication with other parts of the State; and have no means to forward your dispatch, if I were willing to countersign it.

I am compelled, therefore, to decline to accede to your request.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

TH. H. HICKS.