STATE OF MARYLAND, EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,

FREDERICK CITY, April 27, 1861.

Gentlemen of the Senate:

I herewith transmit to your Honorable Body, a copy of a correspondence between this Department and the Sheriff of Frederick county.

The subject matter thereof, being an incident of the peculiar condition of affairs which you are assembled to consider, I respectfully submit it for your action.

THOMAS H. HICKS.