

other way of obtaining troops than by passing them over the soil of Maryland—and that the military necessity of the case rendered it impossible for the Government to abandon its plans, much as it desired to avoid the dangers of collision." My correspondence with the authorities at Washington is herewith submitted.

The consequences are known to you. On Friday last a detachment of troops from Massachusetts reached Baltimore, and was attacked by an irresponsible mob, and several persons on both sides were killed. The Mayor and Police Board gave to the Massachusetts soldiers all the protection they could afford; acting with the utmost promptness and bravery. But they were powerless to restrain the mob.

Being in Baltimore at the time, I co-operated with the Mayor, to the fullest extent of my power, in his efforts. The military of the city were ordered out to assist in the preservation of the peace. The railroad companies were requested by the Mayor and myself to transport no more troops to Baltimore city, and they promptly acceded to our request.

Hearing of the attack upon the soldiers, the War Department issued orders that no more troops should pass through Baltimore City, provided they were allowed to pass outside its limits. Subsequently, a detachment of troops was ascertained to be encamped at or near Cockeysville, in Baltimore County. On being informed of this the War Department ordered them back.

Before leaving Baltimore, Col. Huger, who was in command of the U. S. Arsenal at Pikesville, informed me that he had resigned his commission. Being advised of the probability that the mob might attempt the destruction of this property, and thereby complicate our difficulties with the authorities at Washington, I ordered Col. Petherbridge to proceed, with sufficient force, and occupy the premises in the name of the United States Government; of which proceeding I immediately notified the War Department.

On Sunday morning last, I discovered that a detachment of troops, under command of Brig. Gen. B. F. Butler, had reached Annapolis in a steamer, and had taken possession of the practice ship Constitution, which, during that day, they succeeded in getting outside the harbor of Annapolis, where she now lies. After getting the ship off, the steamer laid outside our harbor, and was soon joined by another steamer, having on board the Seventh Regiment from New York City.

Brig. Gen. Butler addressed me, asking for permission to land his forces. It will be seen, from the correspondence