

"The Harper's Ferry Troubles," Baltimore (MD) *Sun*, October 18, 1859  
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WASHINGTON, October 17.

*The Harper's Ferry Troubles—Dispatch of Government Troops—The Catholic Church Dedication—Washington's Statue, &c.*

At an early hour this morning the government was advised by telegraph that a band of inconsiderate men, armed, had committed various outrages at or in the vicinity of Harper's Ferry. Simultaneously the mayor of Washington received dispatches to the same effect, with other information, which his honor promptly communicated to and conferred with the President of the United States. Although indulging a hope that, under the excitement of the hour, the reports may have been exaggerated, orders were immediately issued for all the United States marines in our garrison, 90 in number, to be immediately equipped, to leave in the 3.20 P. M. train of cars, under command of Lieut. Israel Green. Two of the officers in command followed by express train at a quarter to four o'clock. They will doubtless reach their destination to-night.

The three companies of light artillery were also ordered from Fortress Monroe, in such time as to justify the belief that they will arrive at the scene of the disturbance to-morrow. The forces generally will be under command of Col. Robert Lee, United States army, or Colonel Magruder.

It is supposed that men in the armory are accomplices with the rioters. As reports from Alexandria state that there has been a sudden escape of slaves from that region, the belief exists

that attempts to arrest a general stampede of slaves near Harper's Ferry has led to collisions as reported.

At the great Catholic Church dedication of yesterday, some six thousand were present. In addition to the distinguished gentlemen already noticed as present, there was Hon. Judge Black, United States Attorney General, who occupied a seat near Judge Douglas. Archbishop Kenrick, of Maryland, was not present, having three important services yesterday, of confirmation, at the Frederick City Academy of Visitation, and at St. John's Church in the morning. In the evening he held a similar ceremony at Carrollton, Md.

To-day Archbishop Hughes has received numerous visitors. This morning he paid his respects to the President and visited the college at Georgetown.

Many citizens sympathise with the Rev. J. C. Granberry, late pastor of the Methodist church south, on the decease of his young and lovely wife, to whom he was affianced about ten months ago.

Ground has been broken at the centre of the circle on Pennsylvania avenue and 23d street, and temporary sheds erected, for the purpose of preparing the stone for the pedestal of the Washington statue.

At the Ebenezer Methodist Episcopal church, under the pastoral charge of the Rev. Dr. Ryan, thirty persons were yesterday received on probation, making an aggregate of one hundred and thirty since the commencement of the present revival.

MERCURY.