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Hd Qrs: Harpers Ferry
18th Oct 1859

Colonel Lee U.S.A. Commd the troops sent by the President of the U.S. to suppress the insurrection at this place; demands the surrender of the persons in the Armory buildings.

If they will peacably surrender themselves & restore the pillaged property; they shall be kept in safety to await the orders of the President.

Col Lee represents to them in all frankness that it is impossible for them to escape; that the Armory is surrounded on all sides by troops; & that if he is compelled to take them by force he cannot answer for their safety.

(Signed) R E Lee
Col Commd
U.S. Troops