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Baltimore , December 9, 1861

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For a number of days , thereafter, they all there w th other rebels were loitering about the city, and took a private boat and went down the river and around Fort McHenry taking observations, and I have every reason to believe that one is as guilty as the other, and Mr. Breckenridge has shown conclusively what he is.

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Knoxville, Tenn; Nov. 4, 1861

Hon J.P. Benjamin, secretary of war

Sir: I have to-day written to General Cooper in reference to the state of affairs in East Tennessee and the necessity of reinforcements being sent immediately; but as there is a misapprehension in reference to the feeling of the late Union party existing abroad I have requested Mr. Archer, of Richmond, now on a visit here, to call on you and give you fuller information than I can write.

In addition to what I have written to General Cooper I will say that there can be no doubt of the fact that large parties numbering from 20 to 100 are every day passing through the narrow and unfrequented gaps of the mountains into Kentucky to join the enemy. My courier just in from Jamestown informs me that a few nights ago 170 men passed from Roane County over into Kentucky. I do not believe that the Unionists are in the least reconciled to the Government but on the contrary are as hostile ~~next~~ ~~next~~ to it as the people of Ohio and will be ready to take up arms as soon as they believe the Lincoln forces are near enough to sustain them. I do not believe that the Southern men here are alarmed or nervous. They are as brave and fearless as any I ever saw but they do ~~not~~ live in constant apprehension that a general uprising and rebellion may take place any day.

I submit the matter to the determination of the Department assuring you that I will do all that I can with 200 infantry and one company of cavalry to prevent any disturbance. I have the honor etc.

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