

Transcription

"For God's sake gov. seize fort 'Monroe & Harpers Ferry'"

Richmond Va January 1861

Dear Sir—

For God's sake gov. seize fort "Monroe & Harpers Ferry," we appeal to you to do this because we learn from good authority "that reinenforcements will be sent to thease two places in less than 7 days". We write this not because we wish you to excite the people. nor not because we wish you to declare war against the U.S. But because we donot want our own guns turned against us. You well know that if the U.S. Soldiers should ever get that fort (Monroe) Va could never regain it—

yours respectfully

400 citizens of Richmond

Citation: Undated letter signed "400 Citizens of Richmond" to Governor John Letcher, received January 21, 1861, Executive Papers of Governor John Letcher, Acc. 36787, State Government Records Collection, Record Group 3, Library of Virginia.