

Richmond Va January 1861

Dear Sir—

For God's sake ^{you} seize fort "Monroe & Harpers Ferry," we appeal to you to do this because we learn from good authority "that reinforcements will be sent to these 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 do not 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

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.

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Anonymous letter
asking Governor to
seize Fort Mifflin
& Harpers ferry
Jan 21 1861

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