

Quakers named William Robinson and James D. Graham have it seems been threatened with violence for no other cause than this. The general asks your attention to this matter and suggests that by having a detachment of your troops at the depot at the proper time the regiments arriving might be duly supplied with water.²⁵

On June 28, Baltimorean Richard Thomas, his disguise in women's clothing giving rise to the moniker "French Lady," hijacked the steamer St. Nicholas off Point Lookout at the southernmost point of St. Mary's County, where the Potomac River meets the Chesapeake Bay. Thomas delivered the steamer to the Confederacy at Fredericksburg, Virginia, and was promptly captured. W. W. Glenn recounted a conversation with Thomas:

News came this morning of Dick Thomas' famous exploit of capturing the steamer St. Nicholas. A few days before he had walked into (Severn Teackle) Wallis' office took a seat & began to converse . . . "Well, if neither of you know me I think I am safe"—& he moved back his wig from his forehead, when they recognized him. He told them they should shortly hear from him. He went on board the St. Nicholas disguised as a French lady. He jabbered French most profusely and made great confusion. He took supper with the ladies & made quite a scene at the supper table. Afterwards he took possession of the Steamer with his accomplices made several prizes and carried them all up the Rappahanock.²⁶

Leonidas Dodson approved of the first arrests of suspected Maryland disloyalists:

Marshal Kane chief of Police in Balto has been arrested and sent to Fort McHenry by order of the War Department on a charge of treason. I am not surprised at this for if any individual in the State is susceptible of an implication of this crime it must be Kane, who officially telegraphed to Brad Johnson on the fearful 19th April to raise the war cry in the Mountains of Western Maryland, and hasten down to Balto to resist the "Northern Hordes"

It is also foreshadowed by the Proclamation of Gen Banks that there is a conspiracy in Md, having its head in Kane, for the purpose of aiding & abetting the rebellion, and that his arrest is only the beginning of an effort to bring all the parties to justice.²⁷

By July, one Marylander had abandoned hope that Congress would acknowledge Southern rights. Explaining that the south was well armed and amply provisioned, the anonymous writer asked "Lou" to "burn this letter as soon as read":

There were many in the south who opposed (secession) on the ground that their rights could be obtained from Congress, but such hopes were not long entertained and the people have long since become a unit. There is not the slightest foundation for the assertion that a strong union party exists anywhere in the south and I really believe that if the North were to give the South a blank sheet

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