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British Consulate for the State of Maryland  
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My Lord

It is with great regret that I have to announce that Baltimore was yesterday the scene of a dreadful conflict between the Northern Militia & the Citizens of the Town. In spite of great excitement, so strong was the sentiment of Union in the breasts of, I believe, a majority of the inhabitants, that, up to yesterday, peace was preserved.

The Pennsylvania Militia passed through on Thursday, comparatively unmolested. A certain amount of hooting & some little stone throwing was all they had to encounter. The Union party on that day was somewhat in the ascendant. The Stars & Stripes were flying in several places, & they not only prevented the Secessionists firing a salute, but threw their cannon into the River. To day the party may be said no longer to exist, for the

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Rt. Hon<sup>ble</sup>

Lord Lyons K.C.B.

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