

should do, and they all thought as I did,
that your instructions were positive, and if
I undertook to withhold your resignation
it might place you in a fix, and I at last
determined to send it by mail to the Adjt
Genl. & also wrote to Sister M. what I had done,
& requested her if she thought differently
to go at once & request Genl. Thomas to withhold
the resignation until she could hear from you.
Two weeks after I received a note from her,
informing me that she did go to the War
Office on the receipt of my note, but your
resignation had been received & accepted.
There is no truth in the report that your
resignation was left here, and not received
by me from Ft. Washataw. And equally
false, that it was sent in connection
with those of the Officers who were on
duty in Washington, or in any way connected
with the political events passing in Md.
at that time. In my note to yr. wife, I said to her,
Md. will not succeed, & it gave me much trouble
to feel obliged, under your instructions, to send
in your resignation —

J. B. E.