

Part Two: News Article Concerning the Arrest of John Merryman<sup>ii</sup>

*Arrest of John Merryman, Esq., by the Military.—Writ of Habeas Corpus.*—Quite an excitement was produced in the city on Saturday morning by the announcement of the arrest of John Merryman, Esq., of Hayfields, near Cockeysville. It appears, that on Friday night, Lieut. Abell, with a squad from the forces stationed at the Relay House, on the Northern Central Railway, moved up the road. They reached the house of Mr. M. about two o'clock on Saturday morning, took him into custody, and awaited the passage of the down train, in which they reached this city shortly before 8 o'clock. He was then placed in a hack and taken to Fort McHenry. While in the custody of the military he declined to hold any conversation with those on the train. The charge upon which he was arrested is said to have been a participation in the burning of the bridges on the Northern Central railway, between Cockeysville and the Maryland line, after the departure of the Cockeysville camp. Mr. M. is still detained at Fort McHenry. He is a prominent citizen of Baltimore county, has for several years held the position of president of the Maryland State Agricultural Society, and is respected by the people generally.

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<sup>i</sup> United States War Department. *The War of the Rebellion: a Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies*. Washington: Gov't Printing Office. Series I, 1-53; Series II, 1-8; Series III, 1-5; Series IV, 1-4 (1880 - 1901).

<sup>ii</sup> The Sun Papers. May 27, 1861.