

Letters

to and from the Executive Department of Maryland under the Administration of his Excellency Thomas Holliday Hicks.

Richmond Va. Jan. 15. 1858

To His Excellency T. Holliday Hicks
Governor of Maryland.

State of Maryland
I am under the authority of the General Assembly of Virginia, we respectfully invite you, as the Guest of the State, to be present at the elevation of the Statue of Washington to its position on the Virginia Washington Monument, in the city of Richmond, on the 22^d day of February next, etc answer is requested

Yours very respectfully
Wm L Ritchie
George W. Mumford
Gustavus A. Myers.
Commissioners of the Monument.

Executive Department
Annapolis 21. January 1858

To Messrs Wm L. Ritchie, George W. Mumford and Gustavus A. Myers, Commissioners of the Monument
Richmond Va.

Gentlemen

I have the honor to acknowledge an invitation from you, acting under the authority of the General Assembly of Virginia, to be present as the guest of the State, at the Elevation of the Statue of Washington to its position on the Virginia Washington Monument, in the city of Richmond, on the 22^d day of February next.

It would give me the greatest pleasure to comply with this invitation, and witness on that appropriate day the honors which Virginia pays to the greatest name that ever she has given to the Nation.

And I regret my inability - the more since there seem to be peculiar reasons why a representative from this State should then be present, and from this city associated with so many memories of Washington and the scene of one of the most remarkable acts of his life.

But the duties of my place require my constant presence in Annapolis, and compel me to decline the invitation with which you have honored me.

I am gentlemen
with regard
Your obt. Servant
Thos. H. Hicks
Governor of Maryland