

No. 6.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

*Harrisburg, Pa. 16th April 1838.*

Sir:—Official business caused my attendance in the House of Representatives till the close of the session on Saturday night, so that it was eleven o'clock, P. M. before I received the note (dated 14th inst.) which you did me the honor to have sent to my boarding house.

I write now to acknowledge the receipt of it, and to say that perhaps you and I do not entertain the same views relative to the pendency of the negotiation. In my opinion, it is not pending, so as to bind either party to await its result, or to maintain the position occupied by each, before your arrival at this place. Nor is it even opened, unless the recognition of your official capacity by Governor Ritner, and his offer to announce your presence and object in Harrisburg, to the Legislature can be so construed. That this view is correct, will appear from my note of the 14th, in which, by Governor Ritner's direction, it was distinctly stated that the proposition of the State of Maryland, could "be only acted on by the Legislature," and that the Governor had no power in the case. It is therefore supposed that there can be no pendency of a negotiation between two authorities, only one of whom is clothed with power to act on the subject, or to conclude an arrangement.

It is proper for me also to say, that though the subject should you desire it at the proper time, and should that course be deemed right by Governor Ritner, will be laid before the Legislature in the annual message, yet he will feel himself perfectly at liberty to embrace it in a special message, if that mode should seem to him more desirable and proper.

I have the honor to be,

with great respect,

your obd't. serv't.

THO. H. BURROWES.

J. MEREDITH, Esq.,

Commissioner, &c.

*Baltimore, Md.*

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No. 7.

*Baltimore, April 25th, 1838.*

For T. H. BURROWES, Esq.

Secretary of the Commonwealth of Penn.

Sir:—Having been detained at Philadelphia, on my return