

expedient to report a bill as desired by the communication from the honorable the Secretary of War.

THOMAS F. BOWIE, Chairman.

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ANNAPOLIS, February 18th, 1846.

To THOMAS F. BOWIE, Esq., Chairman of the committee on Federal Relations.

DEAR SIR:—I am authorised as the Attorney of the devisees of W. D. Digges late of Prince George's County, deceased, to institute suits at law in Prince George's County Court, against the occupants of their property being a part of the lands claimed by the General Government, at Fort Washington. Under these circumstances I presume the committee will not agree to cede away the jurisdiction of the State over the Territory so long as the title to the land is to be contested before a Court of Justice.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,

DANIEL C. DIGGES.