

In the meantime, I beg leave respectfully, to recommend that Maryland should take no further part in prosecuting these or any other criminals, before the State Courts of Pennsylvania.

I have thus submitted, as part of my official report, my own views and opinions, because my duty required a full report, and I could not discharge this duty without expressing my own views upon the law as ruled by the Court.

I have done so conscientiously, and after mature deliberation. If I am wrong, my errors can be detected. If I am right, the people of Maryland should be informed, through your Excellency, where rests the responsibility of the failure of these most important prosecutions.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ROBERT J. BRENT.

*Baltimore, Md., December 22, 1851.*