

Gov Maryland

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Dear Williams

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I have received several communications from you of late, but have had no time to thank you for them my engagements having been such as to render it impracticable. I have no clerk, Secretary, or any other officer in the chamber to render me assistance except Mr. D. H. Culbert, who has been kind enough to come whenever I send for him to attend me all the affairs in his power. I have found it necessary a Secretary of State until the Salaries of the Officers attached to the Executive department was finally settled, and as I could have some understanding with some of the Gentlemen of the Senate in relation to the appointment of Mr. Culbert an opportunity was afforded me a few days since, by Mr. G. Hall & Goldsborough and to whom I made an appeal in behalf of this sick & afflicted man, now laboring under disease & nearly brought to the brink of the grave by this supposed proscriptive of him - I have then to contrast my situation with what it was before the attention of the Convention - Then I had a Council of friends around me that was ready & willing to sustain me in all difficulties to whom I could appeal for aid in Council without any fear of being misled, as well as a clerk that I knew to be the best qualified man for the office in the State & who was always ready to carry out my wishes

so soon as they were made known to him - And now I do, what  
is my situation? I am here in this empty chamber with  
- no clerk, without clerk, without one friend to whom I can  
- turn to ask for papers, which I often am, I can not see where  
to find them and number of committees in consequence an object to  
go to the desk chamber of Mr. Calhoun to obtain the information needed.  
Under these circumstances I must be frank & candid with you - I  
(nor any other man) can not go along with a stranger as Secretary in  
the office, who is unacquainted with the forms, & unable to find the  
papers clearly called for - I am more than ever desirous to  
leave the office and return once more to my happy home - I told them  
I should nominate Mr. Calhoun & that it should rest with them to  
determine, whether he should be Secretary or not - It had  
seem'd that I should do so, that I would consider myself as having  
mean if I did not - It had determin'd to do so, even had he  
withdrew, in consequence of the opposition making against him  
on the part of the Senate - This observation was made in answer  
to a question asked by one of them, if I would permit in nominating  
him - as if he would not withdraw his name upon being satisfied  
that a majority of the Senate was opposed to him - I have  
talked with Senators who are friendly to Calhoun, and last night  
I told Goldsborough, & Wright came here to day, with an understanding  
that the matter was to be discussed fully & frankly ~~the subject~~  
but from no coming in presented - I understood from President Thomas  
yesterday that the sentiments of the Senate seem'd to be in deepening  
a change - Mr. Deane came in to day & I have been to explain & answer

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for his Committee to say it did not proceed from  
for me, & that let him vote as he would up in the  
the kindest feelings for you - There is no letter of  
has elsewhere about this matter, and much sympathy - I felt  
for Colburn and indignation towards the Senate, for the stand  
they together in this matter -

I was informed confidentially yesterday that the Committee  
would report favorably in the case of Colburn this day. It  
is this will make the matter worse for the Senate -

I have written you this liberty demand, to put you in possession  
of all that materially affects me at present & of my situation  
in this matter - a few days more, & you shall hear  
from me again in relation to this & other matters - Unless  
you can come & stay some time with us - been this  
as soon as you could it, as it contains matter, not fit  
to be seen by any one than yourself, and written hastily  
and fully - Your friend truly & sincerely

Wm. W. Deary

God bless

to 1 am on Aug 6  
in my letter

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Col. Nathaniel P. Williams

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At Home

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