

to transport Federal troops to Baltimore, Maryland, for duty in connection with the recent fire.

Very truly,

OSWALD TILGHMAN,
Secretary of State.

WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON.

February, 12, 1904.

SIR:—I am in receipt of the following resolutions of the Legislature of the State of Maryland, duly certified by the Secretary of State of the State of Maryland, and authenticated by your signature as Governor thereof:

JOINT RESOLUTION.

“A Joint Resolution requesting the President of the United States to direct the Secretary of War to despatch United States Troops to Baltimore city.”

“Whereas, an exigency has occurred by reason of a great conflagration in the city of Baltimore, which makes it desirable that troops shall be placed on guard around the burnt district in the said city; and

Whereas, the police force of the said city and the available military force of the State have become exhausted by reason of long continued and arduous service;

Therefore, be it resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the President of the United States, be and he is hereby requested to direct the Secretary of War of the United States to despatch such troops of the United States as may be required for the occasion to the city of Baltimore, to be used there for the protection of property, the patrolling of streets around the burnt district, and for the maintenance of public order and peace, for such length of time as may in the judgment of the Governor of this State, be necessary,

And be it further resolved, That the Secretary of State be, and he is hereby respectfully requested, to send a copy of these resolutions duly attested under