

terms of the resolution, notify me that their presence is not necessary.

Under these circumstances I must, of course, decline to comply with the request of the Legislature.

Respectfully yours,

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

HON. EDWIN WARFIELD,

Governor of Maryland,

Annapolis, Maryland.

The Secretary of the State appeared and delivered the following:

Baltimore Feb. 11, 1904.

At a called meeting of the Council of Administration of the Department of Maryland, G. A. R., held on the above date, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted :

Whereas, The overwhelming calamity that befell our city on Sunday and Monday, February, 7th and 8th, 1904, has also seriously affected the financial interests of the State of Maryland, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee of the Grand Army of the Republic, in accordance with the expressed desire of the Department and recommendation of the committee, is hereby directed to withdraw the bill now before the Legislature of Maryland, asking for an appropriation of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for a monument commemorating the services of the soldiers, sailors and marines who, responsive to the call of the Governor, nobly sustained the renowned martial glory of the State in the great Civil War of 1861-65.

Resolved, That the Department of Maryland, G. A. R., believing the present time totally unpropitious for any State expenditures save and excepting such as may be absolutely necessary for conducting the affairs of the State, and such aid as it may be enabled to render the stricken city of Baltimore, is voicing the unanimous sentiment of the "Old Soldiers" of 1861-65, in calling for the withdrawal of the bill now before