

ed province, without any respect whatever to the relation which she bears to the Union, or to the constitutional and legal rights which that relation confers upon her citizens.

It is, therefore, the manifest duty of this Legislature to ascertain, by direct enquiry, through intelligent and accredited agents, the precise position which the General Government has determined to occupy towards the State, and to seek, by all means consistent with official and personal self-respect, to modify the embarrassments and diminish the perils with which the existing state of things is fraught.

The Committee would feign persuade themselves that such an application will be received with the respectful consideration it deserves, but, at all events, it will have placed the responsibilities of the future where they belong. They, therefore, respectfully request the adoption of the following joint resolution.

S. T. WALLIS,
EDWARD LONG,
JAMES T. BRISCOE,
J. H. GORDON,
G. W. GOLDSBOROUGH.

Accompanied by the following resolution :

Resolved by the House of Delegates of Maryland, (the Senate concurring,) That Otho Scott, R. M. McLane and William J. Ross be, and they are hereby appointed Commissioners on the part of the State of Maryland, to communicate immediately in person with the President of the United States in regard to the present and any proposed prospective military use or occupation of the soil and property of the State by the General Government; and they are directed to ascertain and report to the General Assembly forthwith, for its consideration, whether any becoming arrangements with the General Government are practical in that connection for the maintenance of the peace and honor of the State and the security of its inhabitants.

Endorsed passed.

Which were severally read.

A message was received from the Executive, His Excellency, Governor Hicks, through the hands of Grayson Eichelberger, Esq.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Militia.

Mr. Yellott submitted the following message:

BY THE SENATE,
May 2d, 1861.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates :

We have received your message of this date, and the resolution accompanying the same, appointing Messrs. Scott, McLane