

away slaves to their respective owners, and if possible, to make some arrangement with the said authorities for the surrender of runaway slaves who may hereafter escape into any military camp or other place, under the control of the United States;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Morgan, in the absence of Mr. Harding, chairman, made the following

#### REPORT:

*To the Honorable,*

*The Senate and House of Delegates of Maryland:*

The undersigned, being that portion of the joint committee selected to proceed to Montgomery, Alabama, and to submit for the consideration of the President and cabinet of the Confederate States of America, the resolutions as passed by the Legislature of the State of Maryland, beg leave most respectfully to report,

That your committee, in performance of their mission, proceeded to Montgomery, Alabama, and were there received by the President of the Confederate Government—a majority of his cabinet being present, with a frank cordiality and that consideration due to the representatives of the sovereign State of Maryland. In answer to the resolutions thus presented, the President of the Confederate States caused to be delivered to your committee the paper accompanying and made part of this report.

Believing that any expression of opinion relative to the object your honorable bodies wished to accomplish, or to the probable final result of the fratricidal and sectional war which is now being inflicted upon the country, would be transcending the limits of the power entrusted to your committee, your committee therefore content themselves with simply asking the attention of your honorable bodies to the answer of President Davis to the resolutions thus laid before the Confederate Government.

THOMAS J. McKAIG,  
COLEMAN YELLOTT,  
CHARLES A. HARDING.

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*Montgomery, 25th May, 1861.*

Gentlemen:—I receive with sincere pleasure the assurance that the State of Maryland sympathises with the people of