

REPORT.

FREDERICK CITY, May 6th, 1861.

To the General Assembly of Maryland :

The undersigned, Commissioners, have the honor to report to the General Assembly of Maryland, that they waited in person on the President of the United States, on the 4th instant, and presented to him a copy of the joint resolutions adopted by your Honorable Bodies on the 2d instant.

They were received by the President with respectful courtesy, and they made such representations as were necessary to convey to him the sense of the General Assembly of Maryland in relation to the occupation of the Capital of the State by the Federal troops, and the forcible seizure of the property of the State and of private citizens, in the Annapolis Railroad, and in the Washington Branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company; and in this connection, his attention was called to the suspension of intercourse between Baltimore and Washington, and of all parts of the State with Annapolis, and to the indignity put upon a State still in the Federal Union by such an interference with the private rights of its citizens, and by such an occupation of its soil and ways of communication by the Federal Government.

Full explanations were exchanged between the undersigned and the Secretary of War and the Secretary of State, who were present, and participated in the discussion, as to the facts and circumstances that rendered necessary the extraordinary incidents accompanying the passage of Federal troops through Maryland, *en route* to the city of Washington, and especially in reference to those acts of the authorities of the city of Baltimore which arrested the progress of the troops by the railroads leading from Pennsylvania and Delaware into Maryland, and of the opposition to the landing of the troops subsequently at Annapolis by the Governor of the State; and in connection with this action of the authorities of the State, the hostile feeling manifested by the people to the passage of these troops through Maryland, was considered and treated with entire frankness by the undersigned, who, while acknowledging all the legal obligations of the State to the Federal Government, set forth fully the strength of sym-