

REPORT
OF THE
COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,
APPOINTED TO WAIT ON THE
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

The undersigned, a portion of the Committee appointed by the Legislature to present and enforce its Resolutions to Presidents Lincoln and Davis, beg leave to report—

That the manifest purpose of those resolutions was, in the opinion of your Committee, to secure, if possible, through the instrumentality of Maryland, peace to our distracted country; and, if failing in that, then a cessation of hostilities on the part of the armies of the Federal and Confederate troops, until Congress should express its opinion on the subjects which now agitate the people. These purposes being defeated by the movement of the Federal troops on Virginia, and an active commencement of hostilities, we have considered our mission as ended, and, therefore, have not felt authorized, on the part of the Sovereign State of Maryland, to present a request which has in advance been repudiated.

The dignity of the State, as well as self-respect, seemed to demand this of us.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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