

The President in reference to this question, is, I am persuaded, only anxious to do right, and to meet the expectations of the Country.

If then, you should concur with me in opinion, that the acceptance by our government of a proposition to arbitrate this question, would not conflict with the rights, or be derogatory to the honor of our Country, might not the expressions of that opinion, as the sentiment of Maryland, in the contingency of such an offer being made by Great Britain, have some effect upon the Councils of the Nation, and consequent influence in preserving the peace of the Country?

In conclusion, permit me to assure ^{you,} that entertaining the most ^{implicit} confidence in your patriotism and judgment I shall cooperate with you to the utmost of my ability, to promote the welfare of our constituents, and in peace or war, to maintain the honor of our State.

Thos. G. Pratt