

to transmit, while it presents to the General Assembly the opportunity of immediately providing for the care and education of that unfortunate class of our citizens, may, it is hoped, suggest to them the propriety of establishing by law a similar institution in our own State. By referring to the reports of those States which have already taken this subject seriously into consideration, it will be discovered that the number of those unfortunate beings, in every instance, has been ascertained to exceed very greatly, any calculations which had been formed upon the subject - We therefore, cannot flatter ourselves that there has afflicted by Divine dispensation, will be found in a less ratio in our own State, than has been actually ascertained to exist in others. The advantages of an institution at home over any other mode which may be adopted for the relief of these unfortunate, will be found to exist, first in the superintending care of the Legislature of the State over a permanent institution extending its benefits alike to the present and all future times, and secondly the retention and circulation within the limits of our own State of the large sums of money, which would, under a different system be required to sustain and educate so large a number of pupils at any distant place. A common regard for the temporal and eternal welfare of this class of our fellow beings, will dictate the humanity of some enactment upon the subject - We are aware that the feeling and wisdom of the Legislature will be properly directed in any measure which they may think proper to adopt - We have the honour to remain.

To the honourable The President of the Senate }
The Honourable The Speaker of the House of Delegates }

Your most obedient fellow citizens

Samuel Sprigg

Annapolis January 21st 1822

Sir

I have the honour to transmit to your Excellency the enclosed Copy of a law and Resolution passed by the General Assembly of Maryland now in Session, and to request that your Excellency will cause the same to be laid before the Legislature of your State as early as possible. The importance of the object to both States will justify the expectation on my part, of a wish that your Excellency will be pleased to afford to the project every facility and aid in your power - I would beg leave to renew to your Excellency the assurance of the