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been better to continue the Whigs that are there employed and to allow the persons who are discharging your duties to stand before the public as the official and responsible inspectors.

As I stated before there would have been no impropriety of availing yourself of the aid of any person till you were able to perform your official duties; but a permanent contract for the division of the profits is viewed in a very different light. Such a contract is entered into with an improper design or it is an admission that you are permanently incompetent for the Office.

As you have asked my opinion I have given it, and must add that I feel some concern that any thing should have occurred to make it necessary to call in question the propriety of your official conduct.

Your Obedt Servant
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Wm. G. Mason

Baltimore May 27th 1839.

Sir

I have just returned from Harrisburg & have now the honor to transmit an authenticated copy of a law passed by the Legislature of Pennsylvania, as the result of the negotiation, committed to my charge, by the Executive of Maryland -

(You will observe, that this law is the same in every respect, with that reported by the Senate Committee, of which a copy was transmitted with my communication of the 29th of March last, - except the provision in the third section of the reported Bill, for a renewal of the recognizances of the parties on the removal of the Record to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, which is omitted in the Bill as passed, - the only recognizances required, being those provided for in the first section.

I entertain the hope, that the arrangement thus finally concluded, will meet the approval of His Excellency the Governor; & that in its results it will have the effect of preventing all further collision between the two States, on this most vexatious subject, by establishing the Constitutional rights of Maryland upon authority which cannot hereafter be questioned.

Nothing now remains, but to carry out the provisions of this law.