

also received the package referred to and I now avail myself of the earliest leisure moment to return to your Excellency my most unfeigned thanks as well for the valuable present which you have made, as for the high and patriotic motives which have mainly influenced you in bestowing it. The people and public authorities of Maryland, I beg to assure your Excellency participate with the Executive, the Legislature and the citizens generally of the State of New York in the most ardent attachment to the Federal Constitution; and, believing that its perpetuity is chiefly dependent upon the good faith with which its provisions may be observed and executed by the several members of the Union within their respective limits, and that to this end a spirit of forbearance, affection and confidence should constantly prevail among them, they will at all times, promptly embrace every suitable occasion to cultivate the most friendly relations and gladly reciprocate acts of kindness and fraternity tending to remove every cause of complaint, jealousy or alienation and to cement more firmly those ties of kindred, Country, and love of liberty which have heretofore united us in one common republic, the equal, independent and sovereign States of this Confederacy.

For the Secretary's personal respect ascertained and expressed by your Excellency your Excellency will be pleased to accept the assurance of the very high consideration with which

I have the honor to be
 your Excellency's obliged
 & obedient servant
 Philip F. Thomas

His Excellency
 Samuel B. Dick
 Governor of New York

State Department
 Washington
 10 May 1850

Sir
 Forwards enclosed you will receive certain resolutions of the General Assembly of Maryland tendering you the thanks of your native State for distinguished gallantry displayed in the field during the recent war with Mexico.

In complying with the request of the Legislature to forward these resolutions I avail myself of the occasion to assure you of my entire concurrence in the sentiment they express.

I am with great respect
 your obt. servt
 Philip F. Thomas

Major Genl R. Kenly