

incident, that has occurred, since the passage of the Compromise measures, which tends more to weaken the bonds of Union, and arouse dark thoughts in the minds of men, than this late tragedy. Nor, will its influence & effects be limited within the narrow borders of our State. They will penetrate the Soul of the South. They will silence the confident promises of the Union men, and give force to the appeals of the Secessionists. They will enter into the agitations of the next Congress, and weaken the public hope everywhere. For all these evils, there is but a single corrective and that is, the most complete vindication of the law, and the fullest retribution upon the criminals, I had intended to prepare and forward to your Excellency, a statement of the facts of the case, made out from the Communications sent to this Department; but I find from this morning's papers, just received, that the Officers of the Federal Government have already been engaged in making the proper investigations, upon the spot, the result of which have been, or will be placed before you. I hope that your Excellency will regard this letter as by no means indicating any lack of confidence in the Federal Authorities, on my part; but as a proper and necessary exposition of the views entertained by the Citizens of this State, (for which I feel justified in vouching) in regard to the character of this atrocious occurrence, as well as the general attitude of the Country in connection therewith. If, under any circumstances, your Excellency should deem it advisable to require my official services, in any way, connected with the pending enquiries, it will give me great pleasure to place myself at your disposal.

I have the honor to be, Very Respectfully,
Your Excellency's o^bl. ser^t

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