

deliberation. If I am wrong my error can be detected. If I am right, the people of Maryland should be informed, through your Excellency, where rests the responsibility of the failure of these most important prosecutions

All of which is respectfully submitted

Robert I Brent

Baltimore, Md
Dec 22nd 1851.

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Report of Hon. Rob^t I Brent,
in regard to the Albert & Price case }

To his Excellency the
Governor of Maryland.

I have the honor to report, that by vir-
tue of the resolutions passed by the Maryland Constitutional
Convention, in reference to the cases of George F. Albert &
James E. Price, I was instructed by your Excellency to visit
the City of Philadelphia & take all proper steps, with a
view, if possible, to carry their cases to the Supreme Court
of the United States, in conformity to the request of the
Convention.

That in pursuance of those instructions, I visited Phil-
adelphia in the month of July last, & at once associated,
as counsel, resident in Pennsylvania, William B. Heiskell
& Peter A. Brown, Esqs, members of the Philadelphia
bar, in both of whose zeal, fidelity & ability I have the
highest confidence. But, as your Excellency did not
feel authorized to subject the State to expense, or in
any way to commit yourself until there could be Leg-
islative action on the subject, I distinctly informed
those gentlemen, that every thing in regard to their
retainer & compensation would depend upon the action
of the next Legislature of Maryland, whose authority
would be necessary in the premises. This matter is there-
fore wholly left to the discretion & Justice of the Legis-
lature of Maryland, who will doubtless, consider & equi-
tably adjust the claims of these gentlemen at the proper
time, in case there shall be any Legislative action, in