

Executive Department
Annapolis Md.
April 11th 1853.

His Excellency
The Governor of Pennsylvania.
Sir:

My absence from the seat of Government for several days past is, my apology for this late reply to your polite letter of the 29th ultimo. I have communicated to the several Heads of Departments, the kind invitation extended to them by you in the name of the Legislature of Pennsylvania, and I am commissioned by them to assure you of their cordial appreciation of the compliment. It is not probable that they in all of them, will be able to leave the seat of Government, although it will give them great pleasure to do so if possible. I shall certainly esteem it a peculiar privilege to avail myself of your hospitable invitation, if the Legislature of Maryland can make arrangements to do the same. Without their concurrence and adjournment, I would find it difficult to leave Annapolis.

With the assurances of my great personal regard,
I have the honor to be

Your Obedt Servt
E. Louis Lowe.

Executive Department
Annapolis Md.
April 8th 1853.

His Excellency
The Governor of Pennsylvania.
Sir:

I have the honor, by request of the Legislature of this State, to transmit to you the accompanying resolutions, in which, you will perceive, the most gratifying compliment, extended to the authorities of Maryland by those of Pennsylvania, has been warmly and heartily responded to.

Permit me to unite with the General Assembly of Maryland, in expressing the hope and belief, that such interchanges of courtesy and good feeling will draw our respective States together in still closer relations of friendship, if possible, than those which have