

found a great & laborious work. At many difficulties, they have labored, through nearly three years, in performance of their duty. Their work must be acted upon by the Legislature before it can be available. They have therefore, under the Constitution, a right to the action of the Legislature. And it is the province, & it is the duty, of the Commissioners to ask for the call of the Legislature; and the entire responsibility of the call rests upon the Commissioners, as public functionaries charged with the work of law amendment. And the Commissioners can not doubt that the suffrages of intelligent men throughout the State, when in possession of the knowledge necessary to a sound decision, will be quite unambiguous for the call of an extra Session of the Legislature.

The Commissioners therefore respectfully request your Excellency, to convene the General Assembly of Maryland to meet on the first Monday in February, 1855, or as soon thereafter, as to your Excellency may seem meet, to consider the report which the Commissioners appointed to simplify, &c. will lay before them.

All of which is respectfully submitted to your Excellency by the undersigned.

William Price
Samuel Tyler
Frederic Stone

Frederick, Md. Dec. 13th 1854

State of Maryland
Executive Department

Annapolis Dec. 18th 1854

W. Price, Samuel Tyler & F. Stone Esqs.
Commissioners to revise &c. the Rules of Pleading &c. of this State
Gentlemen:

I acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th instant, enclosing your printed communication setting forth at length "the reasons for calling an extra Session of the Legislature" to consider the report upon the work entrusted to your care, & informing me that the work is now complete & ready for the action of the Legislature.

After giving the subject that careful & deliberate consideration, which its importance demands, I have arrived at the conclusion that it is not expedient to convene at this time an extra Session of the Legislature for the object specified in your communication.

It affords me much pleasure to express my entire concurrence in the views you have presented of the great importance of the reforms intended to be effected in the entire system of pleadings, practice & forms of conveying law in use in this State, and of