

Prayer, and I named that day, because I supposed, from the action of other states, and hoped, it would be agreed upon, for that purpose, by all.

While I regret therefore that the same day has not been, and cannot now be, designated, in Maryland, as in South Carolina, I am sure that the People of this State will unite, heartily, in the same purpose; and join with the people of South Carolina, and of all the states, in imploring God's blessing and direction in this hour of difficulty.

I have the honor to be
with distinguished consideration
Yrs. H. Hicks

His Excellency
The Governor of South Carolina.

Executive Chamber
Annapolis November 27. 1860

To Thomas S. Pratt, Sprigg Harwood, J. S. Mauldin,
Stevellyn Boyd and G. Pukney Esqrs

Gentlemen, On the 21st instant one of your number placed in my hand a memorial signed by you, suggesting to me that the Legislature should be forthwith convened "to consider of the momentous present momentous crisis, and provide if practicable, some remedy for the threatened danger."

Though the memorial presented no points which had not been carefully considered by me before its receipt, yet the respectable character of the signers secured for it my most respectful attention - and so far as my powers of thought and the engrossing nature of my official duties have enabled me, I have devoted myself anew to a fair, frank, rational re-examination of the subject upon which I have had the honor to be thus addressed.

This renewed consideration has not had the effect to alter my first impressions of the question, and I have to consider myself still unable to discern the necessity or the propriety of convening the Legislature of Maryland at this time.

That the times are big with peril, I know and feel. That the crisis devolves upon me fearful responsibilities and delicate and important duties, I am fully aware, that I am bound to meet those duties and responsibilities, I also know, and that I owe it to the good people of Maryland to decide with caution, and act with prudence, keeping in view their interests and safety, I feel sensibly.

It is with a full view of all these considerations that I have at my conclusions in this matter.

One of the prominent causes of the excitement now pervading the Southern States is the unfortunate result of the recent election, which has raised Mr. Lincoln to the Presidential Chair.

Personally I was as much opposed to his election as was any other man in the country, and so far as my influence could extend, I did all in my power to defeat him. But he has constitutionally chosen in an election where we all participated