

duty has now devolved upon Maryland and the other border States of the South. They are all, by locality, by interests, by education, and national instincts, conservative, national and union-loving. By their action, united, intelligent and prompt, the glorious Union and Constitution inherited from our ancestors may be saved from impending destruction.

We wish to see that effort made.

It is the duty of Maryland to put her hand to work, boldly, bravely and without delay.

We therefore respectfully suggest to your Excellency that, in our judgment, the time has come for the voice of Maryland to be heard, and for its conservative to be raised in behalf of the preservation of this glorious Union.

Since the last publication, which we have seen, of your Excellency's views in reply to the Baltimore Committee, the Governor of Kentucky has issued a call for the assembling of the Legislature of that State on the 17<sup>th</sup> of January.

That of Virginia, called, it is true primarily, for the consideration of another subject, but its convocation has been ordered by the present crisis, meets on the 7<sup>th</sup> of the same month.

That of Tennessee, also, we believe, will meet in regular session, in a short time, and although we cannot pretend to divine what their action will be, yet it seems to us impossible for Maryland to act with them, unless she is promptly put in a condition to do so.

We cannot state what course the Senate would pursue in case the Legislature should be convened, but in view of the fact that the impression has gone abroad among the people of Maryland that the Legislature, if called together by your Excellency, would engage in other matters of legislation than were involved in the present perilous condition of the Country, we have no hesitation, after a free and full interchange of sentiment among ourselves in expressing the opinion that there will be no legislation other than that which especially appertains to the extraordinary crisis which is now upon us, and we are satisfied that the annual Assembly, viewing the present alarming condition of affairs as above all party differences, are willing to lay those differences aside, and act in accordance with the best dictates of their judgement, as citizens of the State.

From the preservation of the best interests of her people we may add that, from letters received from our fellow Senators H. H. Goldsborough, John St. Garman, Single Townsend, J. P. Bradley and David C. Blackstone we are satisfied that they would, if present, fully endorse the views