

Baltimore tomorrow, and also to receive your Excellency's reply in writing to the point whether you deem it proper to convene the Legislature.

I have the honor to be, most respectfully, your Excellency's obedient servant,

A. H. Hardy

His Excellency, Thos. H. Hicks Governor of Maryland,

John D. Pettus, Governor of the state of Mississippi, to His Excellency, the Governor of the state of Maryland, greeting;

Be it known, that, reposing special trust and confidence in the ability, integrity and fitness of Hon. A. H. Hardy, I have in compliance with a resolution passed by the Legislature of this state, on the 30th day of November, A. D. 1860, appointed, and by these presents do appoint, him a Commissioner from Mississippi, to proceed to the Capital of Maryland to inform the people of that Commonwealth, through their Executive, that the Legislature of this state has passed an act calling a convention of the people of this state to consider the present threatening relations of the Northern and Southern sections of the United States — aggravated by the recent election of a President upon principles of hostility to the States of the South, and to express the earnest hope of Mississippi that Maryland will cooperate with her in the adoption of efficient measures for the common defence and safety of the South.

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Given under my hand, and the Great Seal of the state hereunto affixed, at the City of Jackson, this the 5th day of December, A. D. 1860.

By the Governor

C. A. Brougher

Secretary of State.

John D. Pettus

State of Maryland
Executive Chamber, Annapolis, Dec. 19, 1860.

Sir,

Your letter of the 18th instant informs me that you have been appointed by the Governor of Mississippi, in pursuance of a resolution of her Legislature, a Commissioner to the State of Maryland, and that the occasion of your mission is "the present crisis in the National affairs of this Country, and the danger which impends the safety and rights of the Southern States, by reason of the election of a sectional candidate to the office of President of the United States, and upon a platform of principles destructive of our Constitutional rights, and which, in the opinion of the State of Mississippi, calls for prompt and decisive action, for the purpose of our protection and future security."