

What that wishes to understand it can fail to do so? If the action of the Legislature would be simply to declare that Maryland is with the South in sympathy and feeling that she demands from the North a repeal of offensive and unconditional statutes, and appeals to it for new guarantees - that she will wait a reasonable time for the North to purge her statute-books, and do justice to her Southern brethren, and if her appeals are vain will make common cause with her Sister Border States in resistance to tyranny, if need be - they would be only saying what the whole country well knows, and what may be said much more effectually by her people themselves in their meetings, than by a Legislature chosen eighteen months since, when none of these questions were raised before them. That Maryland is a conservative Southern State all know who know any thing of her people or her history.

But, my fellow citizens, it is my duty to tell you that the re-assembling of the Legislature is wished for by many, who urge it with a view to no such specification. I have been repeatedly warned, by persons having the opportunity to know, and who are entitled to the highest confidence, that the secession leaders in Washington have resolved that the Border States, and especially Maryland, shall be precipitated into secession with the Cotton States, before the fourth of March.

They have resolved to seize the Federal Capital, and Public Archives, & that they may be in a position to be acknowledged by Foreign Governments as the "United States," and the assent of Maryland is necessary, as the District of Columbia would revert to her in case of a dissolution of the Union.

It is only contemplated to obtain it for a few years, as the wants of the Southern Military Confederacy will cause its removal further South.

The plan contemplates forcible opposition to Mr. Lincoln's inauguration, and consequently civil war, upon Maryland soil and a transfer of its honor from the States which are to provoke it.

The views of those who favor the scheme are unanimously for a special session, and every effort has been made and will be made hereafter, to manufacture public opinion in this State, to force me to announce that I do.

Injurious reports have been disseminated among you by these men, to try to diminish whatever influence I may be supposed