

The remedy of the quakers who have produced the disease would be fresh secessions, and still newer confederacies; until finally, this great Union, the fairest heritage among the Nations of the earth, would resolve itself into thirty or forty petty republics, according to state lines, forever quarrelling, seceding, reconstructing, dissolving Unions among themselves, till like the Sovereign States of Mexico and parts of South America, they become contemptible abroad without power or influence; ruined and bankrupt at home.

The fact that Maryland is identified with her Southern Sisters, by her peculiar institutions, customs and habits, cannot fail to show to the people of Alabama, and every other Southern State, that Maryland is concerned even more by reason of her position, than they, in these questions which now agitate this Union; and must, of necessity sympathize with them in their efforts for justice and protection. She has therefore a right to call upon those sister States of the South to stand by her, and for her rights in this extremity as she also is willing to stand by theirs. Let us have our rights in the Union and through and by the Constitution. I beg leave to enclose to you copies of a letter I addressed to the Hon. A. H. Handy (who came from Mississippi as Commissioner to this State) in reply to a letter similar in purport to your own, and of an address I have issued to the people of this State in relation to the Call of the Legislature at this time.

With sentiments of regard I have the honor to be
Your obedient Servant

Hon. J. L. Berry
Commissioner from Alabama,

Thomas H. Hicks

Executive Chamber
Harrisburg
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My dear Sir,

I have just returned from the ceremony of my inauguration, and, as the first act of my official career, I write to express to you my profound admiration of the patriotic resolution you have displayed in assisting to maintain the Union of our beloved Country, in the present perilous crisis. In common with all the Citizens of Pennsylvania I have regarded with the deepest respect and gratitude your firm and manly resistance of the efforts which have been made to swerve you from the path of duty which you had wisely resolved to follow; and in behalf of those Citizens I tender to you assurances of all the aid that an earnest sympathy, and an active cooperation in whatever measures of just conciliation may be proposed, can give to you.