

ment to Georgia to hope, that in the present trying emergency, in which she with her Southern sisters, from no fault of their own, find themselves placed. Your noble state will though slowly it may be, yet surely be found side by side with the firmest in determined resistance to Black Republican Rule. Maryland owes this to herself no less than to the other Southern States. The wealth, population and Commercial importance of her great ~~metropolis~~ Baltimore, points out that city as the great Commercial and financial Centre of the Southern Republic. Under the oppression and unequal administration of the present Federal Government, she has maintained the third rank in the list of American Cities. That she has natural and artificial advantages equal if not superior to New York or Philadelphia, is plain to the commonest observer. Under a friendly, or even a fair system of Government, she would soon take rank among the first cities of the world. As long as Maryland continues a dependency upon the Northern Federal Government, restrictions, limitations and discriminations will continue to be made against her, destructive to her Commercial interests and prosperity. Baltimore from her natural advantages, no less than from her varied and extended Commercial relations with the civilized world, will soon become the great importing agent for the entire South; whilst the facilities for, and her great proficiency in, the art of Shipbuilding, will make her the carrier of our immense productions of Rice, Grain, Cotton and Sugar.

I cannot attempt in this place, to point out fully, all the material advantages to be gained by your State, by a cordial cooperation with the seceding States, nor do I think it proper or becoming in me as the representative of Georgia, to urge your action upon such sordid and selfish considerations. Georgia knows and feels the great embarrassments which surround the State of Maryland, and which renders her position a critical and it may be a dangerous one, still she feels that the descendants of Chase, of Carroll of Spenser & of McHenry, can never be long deterred from proper action by a consultation with their fears. Georgia is fully informed of the ample preparations made by the Federal Government to enforce from Maryland, even at the point of the bayonet if needs be, obedience to her will. She suggests that the seeming doubtful policy of your State, and her hesitation in taking a prompt and decided position with her Southern sisters, in demanding redress of her grievances, has entailed upon her people the armed occupation, by the Federal Troops, of the Fortresses within her borders, which were designed, and constructed for her safety and defence. We are sensible that your position now is far worse than it was a few weeks past. That the Federal Government anticipating your probable action in defence of your liberties, has with a view to crush in its incipency any feeling of resistance to her foul domination placed cords around you that