

with the kindest feelings and purest motives done this, we are content to leave the issue with good sense and patriotism of your people.

Very Respectfully
your obedient servant
A. R. Wright
Commissioner from Georgia

State of Maryland
Executive Chamber
Annapolis
March 1st 1861

To the Hon. A. R. Wright
of Georgia,

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication, dated at this place, on the 25th February, enclosing the copy of an Ordinance to dissolve the Union between the state of Georgia and the others of the United States - the copy of an Ordinance, passed by the state of Georgia, for the appointment of Commissioners to each of the non-decided slave holding states, and your Commission of appointment as such Commissioner from the state of Georgia to the state of Maryland, I regret that my absence from Annapolis, at the time of your arrival, prevented me from having the pleasure of a personal interview with you.

Your communication explains the object of your mission, which you declare to be, "to urge upon the state of Maryland the policy of withdrawal, or secession, from the power known as the United States and cooperation with the state of Georgia and other independent Southern states in the formation of a new confederation and Union for the mutual defence protection and welfare of the Southern states, and for the promotion of the happiness of their citizens."

Such were the objects for which the Federal Government and Union, under and in which Maryland still remains, was formed - for the protection and welfare not only of the Southern, but of all the states which established it, and of those which should thereafter become members of that Union according to the terms of its constitution.

The people of Maryland, in my opinion, deplore as much as the people of Georgia or any other Southern state, the existence, the growth, and the power, of that fanaticism violently opposed to the peculiar organization of labor in the South and which has endeavoured to obtain control and possession of the Federal Government to pervert its just and beneficent powers so as to carry out their unjust designs. The people of this state, in my opinion, never will consent to any such conversion. And when it shall be attempted, they will be