

in a degree eminently honorable by all the loyal states during the present insurrection. In view of this fact, and relying upon the increase and continuance of the same disposition on the part of the loyal states, the President has directed me to invite your consideration to the subject of the importance of perfecting the defences of the state over which you preside, and to ask you to submit the subject to the consideration of the Legislature when it shall have assembled. Such proceedings by the state would require only a temporary use of its means. The expenditures ought to be made the subject of conference with the Federal Government, being thus made, with the concurrence of the Government, if a general defence, there is every reason to believe that Congress would sanction what the state should do, and would provide for its reimbursement. Should these suggestions be accepted the President will direct proper agents of the Federal Government to confer with you, and to superintend, direct, and conduct the prosecution of the system of defence of your state.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant  
William H. Seward

Baltimore, Md. Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> 1861

To His Excellency

Thomas H. Hicks

Gov. of Md.

Sir,

I hereby tender you my resignation as State Senator from Allegany County that you may take the necessary step to have the vacancy filled at the election on the 6<sup>th</sup> of November next.

Respectfully  
Thomas J. McHaig

State of Maryland  
Executive Chamber  
Annapolis, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1861

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter resigning your seat as a State Senator from Allegany County.

Very Respectfully  
George Jefferson  
Private Secretary

Thomas J. McHaig by  
Cumberland

Md.