

State of Maryland
Executive Chamber
Annapolis May 20. 1862

His Excellency
The Governor of Maine

Sir:

I have the honor of herewith enclosing a copy of certain Resolutions adopted by the General Assembly of Maryland at its recent session deprecating the continued agitation of the Slavery question, and appealing to our Brethren in the several loyal States of the Union to forbear from the discussion of a theme already so fruitful of evil —

I beg that you will take a suitable occasion to submit these Resolutions to the attention of your Legislature.

With great respect
Your obt. Servt.
A. W. Bradford

Same day copies of the above circular and the Resolutions therein named (No 9 in the printed Report) were sent to the Governors of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Vermont, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Oregon, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Michigan and California

U. S. Frigate Sabine
Navy Yard New York
May 15th 1862

To His Excellency A. W. Bradford
Governor of Maryland
Dear Sir:

I acknowledge, with great gratification, your letter of the 9th Inst, accompanying the Resolutions of the Legislature of Maryland, complimentary of my humble services on the occasion of the rescue of the Battalion of Marines in November last, from the wreck of the Transport Governor —

I beg leave to thank you sincerely for your kind expressions in conveying them — Do me the favor to consider this note informal until I can, as I desire, more fully convey to you my appreciation of the distinguished honor conferred on me, by the Legislature of my native State

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your most obt. Servt.
Radulader Bingham
Captain U. S. N.
Comdg. Sabine