

will be equally satisfactory to me. When that time arrives I entertain the hope, that such a direction may be given to the negotiation, as will ultimately lead to an arrangement that shall consist with the dignity and rights of both the States.

I have the honor to be.

With very great respect,

Your obedient servant,

J. MEREDITH.

No. 8.

TO FRANCIS R. SHUNK, Esq.,

Secretary of the Commonwealth of Penn.

*Sir*:—The election of the present chief Magistrate of Pennsylvania, since my last visit to the seat of government as commissioner from Maryland, under certain resolutions of the Legislature of that State, declaratory of the rights of her citizens, over their fugitive slaves, induces me, while apprizing you of my return in the same official character, to ask the honor of a presentation to His Excellency the Governor, at such time as it may be most agreeable to him to receive me.

I am, with great respect,

your most ob't. serv't.

J. MEREDITH.

*Wilson's Hotel, Saturday, Feb. 9th. 1839.*

No. 9.

TO FRANCIS R. SHUNK, Esq.

Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

*Sir*:—I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of the Resolutions of the General Assembly of Maryland, declaratory of the rights of the citizens of that State over their fugitive slaves, to which I had occasion to refer in our interview on Saturday. The last of these Resolutions, as you will observe, designates the objects of my appointment, which are, in the first place, to endeavour to procure the dismissal of certain state prosecutions depending in the Court of Oyer and Terminer for the County of York, against Nathan S. Bemis, and three other citizens of Maryland, or to make such other arrangements as may be found necessary to refer the constitutional questions involved in those prosecutions, to the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States,—so that it be done without compromising the liberty of the accused; and in the second place,