

that Maryland desires no further action upon the subject, unless Pennsylvania, regarding the act of Congress to be constitutional in all other respects, shall see fit to empower her magistrates to give aid and assistance in its execution.

These sir, are the objects of the mission, with which I have been charged. They of course, require legislative action; and in asking to have them submitted to the consideration of the Legislature by his Excellency the Governor, I can wish no more patriotic, liberal and enlightened spirit to accompany them, than that which dictated what is so well and forcibly said upon the general subject to which they relate in His Excellency's Inaugural address.

I have the honor to be,

With very great respect,

Your obedient servant,

J. MEREDITH.

Harrisburg, Feb. 12, 1839,

No. 10.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

February, 14, 1839.

J. MEREDITH, Esq.,

Commissioner of the State of Maryland.

Sir:—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication, accompanied with a copy of the resolutions adopted by the Legislature of the State of Maryland, relative to certain prosecutions pending in the Court of Oyer and Terminer of York county, against Nathan S. Bemis and others, citizens of the State of Maryland, for alleged violations of the Laws of Pennsylvania, relating to fugitives from labor, all of which I immediately presented to the Governor, who has given directions that they be copied and transmitted to the General Assembly.

I am yours respectfully,

F. R. SHUNK.

No. 11.

MESSAGE of the Governor of Pennsylvania, accompanying my letter to the Secretary of the State, of the 12th of February.

To the Senate and House of Representatives
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor herewith to transmit copies of a communication and accompanying documents received from