

fore a resort to arbitration should be had. And your committee have not been able to discover in the recent communications between the two governments, any difficulties of so insuperable a character as to preclude the reasonable hope that further efforts by means of negotiations will result in a peaceful and honorable adjustment of the question.

In conclusion, your committee beg leave to say, that they regard the questions involved in this controversy to be infinitely above the aims and objects of party spirit. When the rights and honor of the country are concerned, no man ought to enquire what will be the consequence of this or that measure to the party to which he may belong, but with a heart throbbing with the highest pulsations of patriotism, his whole energies should be directed solely to the preservation of his country's glory, and the maintenance of his country's rights. Impressed with these convictions the committee do not doubt, that whatever may be the final issue of this controversy, the people of Maryland will be found ever ready to co-operate with the Legislative and Executive departments of the Federal government, in all measures that may be deemed necessary to protect the honor of the country, or to vindicate her rights. And should a war ensue, Maryland will claim to be among the foremost in evincing her loyalty to the Constitution, and her willingness to share in all the toils and perils which it may be necessary to encounter, to preserve inviolate the freedom of the people, and the integrity of the Union.

THOMAS F. BOWIE,
Chairman, &c.

2—Doc. M.