

The Auditor, it seems, could not be convinced that the act of Congress authorized him to allow the claim as stated by the Treasurer, and, therefore, without contesting its merits, he asked to his objections, and legitimated the claim upon principle, which he believed to be prescribed by the act.

Whether a liberal construction of the act of Congress, would have authorized the Auditor to settle the claim upon the principle contended for by the Treasurer, we will not undertake to determine, — but it appears to us most manifestly, whether the fault be in the Law, or in construing it, that the State has just obtained by a considerable sum, the amount of her just and fair claims.

We submit to you, herewith, such documents as we consider necessary to give you a full understanding of the subject, that you may determine whether any, and if any, what steps shall be taken to obtain a further allowance.

Having understood that the attention of the General Government has been seriously turned to an examination and consideration of the fitness and propriety of the establishment of a factory (ward in the City of Baltimore, and believing that the result of the inquiry cannot but be favorable, we look forward with considerable confidence to the attainment of that desirable object.

Immediately upon the adoption of the Resolution appointing a joint committee, consisting of one member from the Senate and two (members) from the House of Delegates, to visit the Legislatures of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware, to confer with their bodies respectively, upon the measures best calculated to prevent the absconding of slaves from this State, and of securing their recovery, — being informed by the gentlemen constituting the committee, that they would set out, without delay, upon their mission, we addressed a letter to the Governor of each of the said States; a copy whereof, is herewith submitted, together with the report of the committee, which has just been received.

By this report and the accompanying documents, we have the gratification to find, that with the Legislatures of Delaware and Pennsylvania, the Committee succeeded in obtaining the passage of Laws well calculated to effect the very important objects of their mission.

The Legislature of New Jersey not being in session until lately, no opportunity was afforded of making to it a personal explanation of the purposes of their mission, or of the enactments believed necessary to accomplish them. But they addressed a written communication to His Excellency the Governor of that State, (a copy whereof, is among the documents, accompanying their report) fully disclosing, in a lucid and forcible manner, their views of the whole subject, with a request that it be submitted to the Legislature, and we entertain the fullest confidence that that enlightened body, will be found animated by the same just and liberal spirit which guided their Sister States, and that during its present session, a law will be passed equally satisfactory with those of Delaware and Pennsylvania.

We scarcely know which most to commend, the ability with which the committee supported their applications, or the enlightened and liberal spirit in which they were received, and the sense of justice and good feeling, that enabled them so fully, to succeed in securing the objects of their mission.

By virtue of the Resolution No 22, We selected and employed the Honble William West, Attorney General of the United States, and Roger B Taney Esquire, to appear to the suit which had been instituted (and was pending) in the Supreme Court of the United States,