

cision upon a question of private right but merely contain the terms of an agreement, upon a compliance with which upon the part of the Regents, the Trustees as agents of the State are to surrender the possession of the property.

The undersigned in his examination of the case has been governed by the calm spirit of inquiry, appropriate to the high trust delegated to him in part by the Honorable Senate of Maryland, and has not permitted himself to be influenced by the great excitement which pervades the community upon this subject. His aim was a result by which private rights would be preserved unimpaired, while the just expectations of the State, as to the public interest in the institution and its property, should be gratified.

The case is one of great difficulty, and therefore it is expedient that the General Assembly should assume the peaceful position of compromise. In fine, the bill substantially does nothing more than provide for a return of the institution to its former Governors while it properly makes them subordinate to the just control of the State over their property and conduct.

All which is respectfully submitted.

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