more virulent, and an increased impetus be given to persecution and proscription?

The gentlemen who originated the call of the convention, and those who have so promptly responded to it, believing that our existence in Maryland is an evil of fearful magnitude, an evil which must be removed, are, doubtless, prepared to propose and carry out, so far as an overruling Providence will permit them, such measures as they think best calculated to accomplish their object. Being thus impressed, I cannot perceive the propriety of our acting, at this time, in accordance with your suggestions, though I am under the conviction that nothing but good "ought to" result from a fair and full understanding of the grounds taken by all parties interested."

I submit the foregoing views not without diffidence: I may be wrong in reference to the conclusion to which I have arrived. Whether I am or not, I must say that the urbanity and candour which characterize your note render a dissent from the views you have taken a rather unpleasant task.

Very respectfully,

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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