in Liberia asking the attention of the General Assembly to the subject and requested that measures be adopted for obtaining an expression of the whole people by means of the ballot box. Whereupon the General Assembly passed resolutions, which were approved by the Governor, authorizing Polls to be opened for the purpose aforesaid; and whereas County annexation was unanimously approved by the votes of the people, and on Wednesday the 24th day of February 1857, the undersigned, namely Boston J. Drayton, Governor of the State of Maryland in Liberia, Joseph J. Gibson, Lieutenant Governor, and Thomas Fuller, Senator were chosen by the popular vote of the people, Commissioners, with full power to confer with the Commissioner of the Republic of Liberia near this Government and to settle and arrange with him, without further recourse, all matters necessary to the consummation of County annexation to the Republic of Liberia. The said Commissioner, however, not being vested with plenary full power from his Government for that purpose, declines the responsibility of negotiating a treaty of annexation; but nevertheless gives the undersigned reason to hope and believe that no objection will be raised by his government to County annexation; and that the people of this State will be received into the bosom of that Commonwealth, and have extended to them all the privileges and immunities now enjoyed or that may hereafter be enjoyed by any other County of that Republic.

While the undersigned would be glad to settle definitely one or two points, which might be thought desirable, before annexation, still they deem it more desirable, nay important, in view of pressing circumstances, which threaten the tranquility of

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