
SENATE OF MARYLAND, March 28th, 1838.

MR. LEE, from the Select Committee

ON THE

RETROCESSION OF GEORGETOWN TO MARYLAND,

Presented the following Report:

The select committee, to whom was referred the memorial of the city of
2 Georgetown and that portion of Washington county which lies without its
3 limits and west of Rock Creek, all of the District of Columbia, have had the
4 same under consideration, and beg leave unanimously to submit the following
5 report thereon: The object of the memorialists, necessarily contemplates for
6 its accomplishment, the action of the National Legislature as well as that of
7 this State; and to each body it will present in some respects different questions.
8 Your committee have however deemed it proper to limit their examination to
9 those considerations that appear properly to address themselves to the latter
10 body. The territory represented in the memorial, it is known, formerly
11 constituted a part of the county of Montgomery, in this State, and was ceded
12 to the United States for the accomplishment of an object of national impor-
13 tance. In reviewing the history of this cession, your committee can discover
14 in it no valid objection on the part of the State to accept a retrocession of the
15 Territory; *provided*, that the Congress of the United States shall be willing to
16 surrender their peculiar jurisdiction over it. The memorial offers a considerable
17 accession of Territory, population and wealth, that can be annexed to the