

ed by him is a sufficient justification for surrendering a fortified town, an army and a territory, is for the government to determine. Confident I am, that had the courage and conduct of the general been equal to the spirit and zeal of the troops, the event would have been as brilliant and successful as it now is disastrous and dishonorable.

Very respectfully, sir, I have the honor to be, your  
most obedient servant,  
LEWIS CASS,  
Col. 3d Regt. Ohio Volunteers.

The Hon. WM. EUSTIS,  
Secretary of War.

*Legislature of Maryland—The following Preamble and Resolutions were ordered to be printed in the House of Delegates.*

Whereas, The president of the United States called upon the executive of this state to furnish his proportion of one hundred thousand militia, by virtue of an act of congress, passed 10th April 1812; and it appearing to this general assembly, that the said requisition was unaccompanied with either of the exigencies provided by the constitution:—And whereas, the wise and patriotic framers of our constitution, having for their object the freedom, the happiness and independence of their country, thought it necessary, in order to preserve this government in its republican form, and secure the blessings of liberty to their posterity, to constitute protecting barriers against an improper or ambitious use of military power:—And whereas, offensive wars, schemes of foreign conquest, accession of territory, or national aggrandizement, are repugnant to the principles of our free institutions—Therefore,

*Resolved,* That it was never contemplated by the constitution, when it entrusted to the general government.