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easy access to Washington enduced the Meeting for Sufferings of other Yearly Meetings to allow them to act for them in cases that required prompt action.

In the year 1862 in accordance with a request from London Friends a committee of Baltimore Meeting for Sufferings was appointed to present a Memorial to the President of the United States Abraham Lincoln who received them with much interest and cordiality; and afterward sent the following acknowledgement which was transmitted to England.

The President's reply is as follows.

Executive Mansion

Washington January 7th. 1862

Gentlemen:-

It gives me great pleasure to acknowledge the receipt through you of the Memorial of the English Friends, in relation to the matter in question between the Government of Great Britain and that of the United States of America. Although I trust that any fears entertained of any serious derangement of an amicable relations have been without foundation I cannot but gratefully appreciate your prompt and generous suggestions in the interest of peace and humanity I have the honor to be with great respect

Your obedient Servant

A. Lincoln.

On the 18th of 10th month 1862 a Meeting for Sufferings was held to consider the position of Friends in regard to the requisition on the State of Maryland for its proportion of three hundred thousand men for the United States Army the minute states "The draft has recently taken place,