

## REPORT.

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*To His Excellency, E. Louis Lowe,*

*Governor of Maryland:*

I have the honor to submit to your Excellency, my final report of the proceedings in and result of the treason trials in Philadelphia, originating in the murder of Edward Gorsuch, a citizen of Maryland.

On my arrival, on the 22nd of November, in the city of Philadelphia, the difficulty in regard to my appearance as counsel for the State of Maryland, of which your Excellency is already apprised, was satisfactorily adjusted in a personal interview between Mr. Ashmead, the U. S. District Attorney, and myself.

This gentleman, in the presence of the Hon. James Cooper, tendered to me the position of leading counsel in these trials, which I promptly declined, on the ground that I never had claimed such precedence for myself, as well as on grounds of policy and expediency for the prosecution.

It was then agreed that the Hon. James Cooper, of Pennsylvania, (the distinguished colleague associated with me for the State of Maryland,) should occupy the position of leading counsel, which he did with fidelity and signal ability. I will here take occasion to remark that, however unfortunate the preliminary difficulty between Mr. Ashmead and myself, and however prejudicial it may have been to the development of the evidence, by preventing that early interchange of views and information, which was necessary to a thorough preparation of these important cases, yet I received during the trial every social and professional courtesy at the hands of that gentleman, and he was at all times prompt to act upon any suggestion which might be made by either Mr. Cooper or myself.

During the progress of the trial, and after a full interchange of views between ourselves, we obtained important additional evidence, shewing the ramified and extensive character of the combination, forcibly to resist the laws of the United States, but when offered in evidence, it was ruled out by the court, as inadmissible in so late a stage of the cause. It is proper, however, to remark