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The object in submitting the letter to you, is, to give you an opportunity to determine, whether counsel shall be employed to follow the cases to the Supreme Court of the United States, and there protect the interest of the State; it being highly probable that the state of the health of the Attorney General of the State will prevent his personal appearance.

FRANCIS THOMAS.

COURT OF APPEALS OFFICE, W. S.

17th December, 1842.

To His Excellency,

FRANCIS THOMAS,

Governor of Maryland:

Sir,—I have the honor to inform you, that writs of error from the Supreme Court of the United States have been filed in this court by Samuel Gordon, Esquire, of the State of Virginia, and James Cheston, Esquire, of the city of Baltimore, suggesting error in the judgment of the Court of Appeals of Maryland, upon their appeals from the decision of the Appeal Tax Court of the city of Baltimore. The parties filing these writs are stockholders in the banks in Baltimore, and have relied in their statements filed here upon the invalidity of the act of March 1841, chapter 23.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

RICHARD W. GILL,

Clerk Court of Appeals.

Which was read, and

Referred to the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice, to be hereafter appointed.

On motion of Mr. Springer,

Leave was granted to the committee on Colored Population, to be hereafter appointed, to bring in a bill authorising Robert A. Taylor of Baltimore city, to bring into this State a certain negro therein named.

On motion of Mr. Spence,

Leave was granted to Messrs. Spence, Springer and Hammond, to bring in a bill to abolish capital punishment.

Mr. Welsh submitted the following message:

*By the House of Delegates,*

*December 29th, 1842.*

*Gentlemen of the Senate:*

We propose an interchange of services between the Rev. Mr. Meriken, the gentleman selected by this House to perform divine service, and the gentleman selected by your honorable body;