

1864

January 2nd

The Governor granted a pardon to Samuel Baker convicted of assault and battery in Circuit Court for Talbot County at November term 1863 and sentenced to six months confinement in the County Jail.

Same day the Governor directed publication of notice of an application for pardon in case of Truman Pollett convicted of assault with intent to murder in Circuit Court for Somerset County at April term 1863 and appointed the 26th inst as the day of hearing.

Same day the Governor commissioned William W. Gillet and James Mc Dorman Constables in the 1st & 4th Districts of Somerset County they having been elected by the people of their respective Districts on the 26th December last to fill vacancies occasioned by tie votes at the recent general election held 4th November last.

January 5th

The Governor appointed and commissioned John T. Langston Notary Public to reside at Greensborough Caroline County

Same day the Governor commissioned William Stull of 6th District Frederick County elected 30th December 1863 a constable in said District to fill the vacancy occasioned by a tie vote at the late general election.

Same day the Governor issued six requisitions upon Hon. David Mc Carter Chief Judge Supreme Court District of Columbia for the rendition of sundry slaves and others charged with the crimes of enticing and persuading slaves to run away from their masters and with stealing mules and sheep in Prince Georges County and appointing Judson F. Richardson Sheriff of said County agent for their return. See Docket of Requisitions.

January 6th

The Governor issued the following Commissions. vizt.

- 1 - To George W. Garey as Justice of the Peace Talbot County vice Wood declined in 1st Election District of said County.
- 2 - To James Cummings as Justice of the Peace Cecil County 8th District elected 28 December 1863.
- 3 - To William Dorsey Constable 8th District Cecil County elected 28th December 1863.

January 7th

The Governor issued the following Requisitions vizt:

1. To Hon David K. Carter Chief Judge Supreme Court of the District of Columbia for rendition of Terry Brooks Slave of Wilson W. Bee of Howard County charged with the crime of assault and battery committed in Howard County.
2. To Same for rendition of Henry Piles charged with the crime of assault and battery committed in Montgomery County on the body of John W. King of said County and appointed the Sheriff of said County agent
3. To the Governor of Pennsylvania for the rendition of Joseph J. Shepherd charged with the crime of Horse stealing committed in Carroll County and appointing the Sheriff of said County agent for the return of the fugitive

Same day the Governor having been waited upon by a joint committee of the Senate and House of Delegates informing him of the organization of the General Assembly of Maryland and of its readiness to receive any communication he might be pleased to make informed them that he would make a communication in writing and thereupon transmitted to the General Assembly the following

Message

Gentlemen of the Senate and
of the House of Delegates

You have assembled in obedience to the command of the Constitution to consider such subjects as require Legislative action and looking back upon the time that has intervened since your predecessors in office last assembled it may be safely affirmed that no similar period since the foundation of our government has been crowded with events of such magnitude and importance.

Although these events are easily calculated to vary the usual tenor of the congratulations with which the Executive has been accustomed to greet the General Assembly at the opening of every session we can no longer as of old recur to the peaceful and prosperous career of the Country as evidence of the almighty favor; although the reckless ambition of unprincipled politicians instigating a wicked rebellion has involved us in a civil war of frightful extent compelling a sacrifice of the best and bravest of the nation to maintain its existence that very war deplorable as it is, has developed elements of national power, hitherto scarcely comprehended and furnished substantial cause of thankfulness to Almighty God and congratulations to each other.

Such a record of the rapid resolute and successful production from domestic resources of all the means and material of war as the history of the last two years exhibits is not to be found in the annals of any nation whilst the success with which these material have been wielded in restoring the power of the