

Whereas Theodorick Bland, one of the associate Judges of the sixth Judicial District of the State of Maryland, has been appointed by the President of the United States a commissioner to proceed to Spanish America in conjunction with two others, for the purpose of obtaining correct information on every subject in which the United States are interested; of inspiring just sentiments in all persons of authority, on either side of our friendly disposition so far as it may comport with an impartial neutrality, and of securing proper respect to our commerce in every port and from every flag. And Whereas the said Theodorick Bland, has accepted the said appointment of commissioner, and has not resigned his said office of Judge, within thirty days after notice of his appointment of commissioner aforesaid. Therefore Resolved, unanimously that by the Constitution of the State of Maryland, in the opinion of the Executive, the Office of Theodorick Bland, one of the associate Judges of the sixth Judicial District of the State of Maryland, has become vacant, and that it is expedient to proceed to the appointment of a suitable character to fill the vacancy. William H Ward, Esquire, was then appointed an associate Judge of the sixth Judicial District of the State of Maryland vice Theodorick Bland Esquire.

Wednesday January the 21st 1818

His Excellency the Governor and the Honble Daniel Murray, and John Eager Howard, Junior, appeared in the Council room.

Thursday January the 22. 1818

The Honorable John Eager Howard, Junior, appeared in the Council Room.

Friday January the 23rd 1818

The Honble John Eager Howard, Junior, appeared in the Council Room.