

## Francis Thomas Governor.

January 3<sup>d</sup> 1822

Francis Thomas Governor Elect, qualified in the presence of both Houses of the General Assembly, by taking the oaths prescribed by the Constitution and Laws of the State and by subscribing a declaration of his belief in the Christian Religion.

January 4<sup>th</sup>

Henry Hobbs was appointed by the Governor Acting Secretary of State.

The Governor nominated to the Senate, as Secretary of State John Sifford of Frederick County - which nomination was confirmed by the Senate on the fifth, and the appointment was declined on the twelfth instant.

January 7<sup>th</sup>.

The Governor issued a Warrant to the Sheriff of Washington County for the delivery of John Evans (charged with murder, and demanded by His Excellency the Governor of Virginia as a fugitive from Justice,) to John Kern Junr the Agent appointed to receive him.

Also a warrant to the Sheriff of Allegany County for the apprehension and delivery of William Wilson (charged with murder and demanded by His Excellency the Governor of Virginia as a fugitive from Justice,) to William A. Howard the Agent appointed to receive him.

January 5<sup>th</sup>

The Governor nominated to the Senate Benjamin T. Pindell of Anne Arundel County vice John S. Selby resigned, - William Urquhart, the second person returned on the Election Returns for Sheriff, having declined to serve. - confirmed and Commission issued.

January 10<sup>th</sup>.

The Governor nominated to the Senate Jacob Shower as Clerk of Clerk of Carroll County vice

January 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Governor upon a request of a number of respectable persons of Somerset County issued the following Proclamation.

By His Excellency Francis Thomas Governor of Maryland.

A Proclamation.

Whereas it has been represented to me by a Jury of Inquest lately held in Somerset County, that on the night of the 24<sup>th</sup> of December last an atrocious murder was committed upon the body of Isaac Hastings and all his family consisting of five members - and that the Buildings with the bodies, were set on fire to prevent detection - And as no discovery was made as to who were the perpetrators of this diabolical deed, they recommend a reward be offered for their apprehension.

Now therefore I Francis Thomas Governor of Maryland have thought fit to issue this my proclamation and do hereby offer a reward of five hundred dollars to any person or persons, who shall discover and apprehend the perpetrator or perpetrators of the above described offences.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of