

with Judge Brewer, who sat upon his trial, and who thought a further investigation ought to be made as to the condition of his mind,) to suggest to the Legislature, the propriety of authorizing the Court of Carroll County, to examine witnesses at its next term on the subject. In conformity with this suggestion, a bill was introduced into the Senate, and passed by that body, but was not acted upon in the House of Delegates, because it is presumed, of the shortness of the time which remained of the session after it was received in the House. In consideration of these circumstances, it was deemed proper to withhold the warrant for the execution of the execution of the prisoner, so as to enable the Legislature to act definitely upon the suggestion of my predecessor, which is now respectfully renewed.

Believing that the affairs of Maryland, at this time, should first command your consideration, allusion has been purposely avoided to matters of great national importance. In the hope that this course will be equally agreeable to the Senate and House, I beg leave to express the belief, that by wholesome legislation and judicious reforms, the evils under which the state now labours, will, at no very distant day, be removed. In the character of our State, of which every Marylander has just cause to be proud; in its agricultural, mineral and commercial resources, the untiring and proverbial patriotism of its people, we should all find the hope and consolation, that great as are its present embarrassments, they can, and will be, ere long, surmounted. In making them, at this crisis, the exercise of your highest intelligence in behalf our State, its affairs are submitted for your legislative disposition.

(Signed.)

Francis Thomas.

December 29th 1842

This day the Governor sent the following message to the House of Delegates:

To the Honorable

The General Assembly:

I have the honour herewith to submit, a letter which was received from R. W. Hill, Esq. Clerk of the Court of Appeals for the Western Shore. From this communication it will be seen that writs of error from the Supreme Court of the United States, have been filed in the Court of Appeals by Samuel Gordon Esq. of the State of Virginia, and James Chester Esq. 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 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 then 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

Dec. 29th 1842

This day granted a requisition upon the Governor of Pennsylvania for the apprehension and delivery of a certain Charles Miller, said requisition being in the following words:

"State of Maryland - To Wit: