

March 1st 1847

The Governor this day refused to grant a *Wolfe Prosequi* to St. M. L. Burroughs charged with committing an assault & Battery upon E. Raley Burroughs of which he died
St. Marys

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The Governor this day refused to grant a *Wolfe Prosequi* to The Merchants of St. Marys County, charged with committing an assault upon William Benkinson
St. Marys

Executive Department
March 2^d 1847

Message To The Senate

I received by last Night's Mail a communication from the Lottery Commissioners, giving me official information of the fact, that the Westminster Lottery grant, has been admitted among the consolidated Lottery grants of Maryland. The Senate will perceive that the letter from the Lottery Commissioners refers to a letter received from them by me upon this subject, and I desire, with the permission of the Senate, to explain my connexion with this matter. At an early period of the present Session, my attention was directed to this bill, with a view to its bearing upon the revenue of the State. It was manifest that its passage would destroy the revenue now derived from the Lottery system, unless some arrangements were made to ensure its being placed among the consolidated grants of the State. My sole object in interfering in the matter was to avoid this result upon the contingency of the passage of the bill. I suggested to the friends and opponents of the measure, that this difficulty might be obviated by having it placed by the action of the Commissioners named in the bill, immediately upon its passage, among the consolidated grants.

This arrangement on the part of the friends of the bill was carried out in good faith, the Commissioners named in the bill were sent for, and executed the required bond before the Hon. Judge Brewer, which (when informed that the bill had passed) I enclosed to the Lottery Commissioners, who entered into the contract as stated in their communication, by which this grant is placed among the consolidated grants, and all possibility of loss to the revenue of the State obviated. I have deemed it my duty to place the Senate in possession of the facts above detailed, that they may be cognizant of the action and motives of action on my part.

Thos. G. Pratt

March 3^d 1847

The Governor this day remitted the forfeited recognizance of James Hamersly for the appearance of Tho. Hamersly before Ball City Court at Oct Term 1842 on condition of the payment of costs.