

palpably violation of her rights and so pregnant with injustice, disgrace and degradation.
I have thus endeavored to place before you, in a manner, as brief and intelligible as circumstances would allow, every topic of prominent importance in the administration of public affairs, or, in any way, connected with the rights and interests of our common constituents. Upon the Governor of Maryland is devolved not merely the administration of the general laws of the State, but particularly and exclusively, the execution and enforcement of the system of revenue enacted for the redemption of the public debt, and whether the complicated character of those laws, the revenue which they produce or the number of agents charged with its collection and payment is attached to, it may well be inferred that so far from a sinecure, the Executive office is one of ceaseless labor, anxiety and care. With what fidelity, at various duties have, for the last two years, been discharged, the needs of the Treasury and of other departments of the government will abundantly prove; but with what sacrifices of personal convenience and individual comfort, their performance has been attended, can be known only to myself, and to those whose experience has familiarized them with the unavoidable expenditures incident to the station. Looking upon your councils and patriotism I cannot doubt but that the deliberations of the General Assembly will be so tempered with moderation, prudence and foresight as to redound to its own credit and to the glory and honor of our beloved State.

Philip S. Thomas

1st January 1850

The Governor nominated John Nick. Watkins as secretary of State.

The Governor upon the recommendation of many respectable citizens of Baltimore County pardoned Oliver Adams convicted before the 1st district court of Baltimore County of an assault and battery upon one Jacob Steinacher and sentenced to be confined in the jail of said County for two terms of ten days upon condition that he pay the fine imposed upon him by the said court and the costs of prosecution.

2nd January 1850

The Governor this day received a communication from the Senate addressing and consenting to the nomination of John Nick. Watkins as secretary of State.

The Governor received copies of the bonds of the Clerk of St. Mary's County Court and a copy of the bond of the Sheriff of Frederick County each for two years 1850.

3rd January 1850

The Governor this day upon the recommendation of the panel of jurors by whom they were convicted, and of many respectable citizens of Saint Mary's County pardoned Robert Warren alias Adams and William H. Adams two very young colored boys convicted in Saint Mary's County Court at the August term 1848 of larceny upon condition that they be taken from their mother's control and bound out to service and labor under the directions of the Orphans Court of said County.