

of that allwise and beneficent Being, whose right arm was the shield of our Fathers, on the battle-field; and whose wisdom inspired them in council. Surely, it is not presumptuous in us to cherish the belief that, He will not suffer the wickedness of men to destroy the great work of his own hand; but that he will uphold it, adding daily to its strength and beauty, until, in the consummation of his own benevolent designs, this people shall have filled the measure of their high destiny, by the enfranchisement of the human race.

January 6<sup>th</sup> 1851

The Governor this day appointed and commissioned Thomas H. O'Neal, of Frederick County, Secretary of State who appeared in the Executive Chamber and qualified by taking the oaths of Office required by the Constitution and laws of this State; and entered on the duties of his Office.

The Governor also continued Adam Miller, of Annapolis City, messenger to his Excellency.

January 10<sup>th</sup> 1851

The Governor this day commissioned Edward W Salmon as Captain, James M. McComas 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant, Joseph J Scott 2<sup>d</sup> Lieutenant, Henry Clay Meddart 3<sup>d</sup> Lieutenant and John W Sauting, Ensign, of "National Grays" 53<sup>rd</sup> Regiment U. V. C.

January 14<sup>th</sup> 1851

The Governor this day received from the Governor of the State of Delaware a requisition for the delivery of John E Downs, a fugitive from justice of that State, charged with the crime of kidnapping or assisting in kidnapping a certain George Dickett a negro indentured servant of James L Bowley, of Kent County in the said State, issued his Warrant to the sheriff of Queen Anne's County to deliver the said John E Downs to Nathaniel Farson the Agent appointed by the Governor of Delaware to receive and convey him to that State.

January 15<sup>th</sup> 1851

This day the Governor remitted the interest on the taxes of 1844 & 1845 to George W Nutwell, Collector of taxes in Anne Arundel County, upon the payment of the entire principal, together with the costs, commissions and expenses accrued by the institution of suit, against said Collector. It appearing to the Governor that the party had not failed to collect through neglect, and the Treasurer informing the Governor that after the suits had been instituted in 1848 and had matured, for trial, the defendant was ready, but the cases were continued at the instance of the States Attorney.

January 17<sup>th</sup> 1851

The Governor this day appointed and commissioned Robert Gale, of Cecil County, Justice of the peace vice Joseph Pickering, removed from the County; Samuel Comegys, Justice of the peace for Kent County, vice John M Comegys declined serving; John Wolf, Justice of the peace for Washington County, vice John B Prachtall resigned; Arthur Mackness, Justice of the peace for