

January 20<sup>th</sup> 1852

The Governor this day issued a Commission to Henry Wolf as Notary Public to reside at Williamsport, Washington County.

The Governor sent the following communication to the House of Delegates, and also a duplicate to the Senate.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:

On the night of the night of the 27<sup>th</sup> of February last, a most foul and desperate Massacre was committed in Kent County. A Mr Cosden and his family were murdered in cold blood. He was not believed to have had an enemy, who could have been instigated, to the terrible deed, by feelings of hatred or vengeance. And, it was, therefore, very naturally (and, as the event proved, very correctly,) attributed to some unknown gang of desperados, whose object was plunder. The whole neighborhood, consequently, was thrown into a terrible state of alarm. I was urged to offer a large reward for the apprehension and conviction of the Murderers. The Contingent fund being, then, much straightened, I consented to offer a reward of a thousand dollars, upon condition that, the parties claimant (should such afterwards appear) would be required to wait, until the meeting of the Legislature. A difficulty has, now, arisen as to whom, in fact, the reward is properly due. Many were engaged in the investigations and arrest, whose claims may be conflicting. I would, therefore, recommend that, you make a special appropriation of the amount of the reward; and designate, or authorize, me to appoint a Committee, to consist of residents of Kent, or adjoining Counties, to distribute it, according to the just rights of the parties; which can only be done by persons, on the spot, who are well acquainted with all the details of the numerous investigations, made there at the time. It is right and proper that this reward should be promptly paid. The Criminals have suffered the extreme penalty of the laws, which they had violated; and those who were instrumental in bringing them to justice, and thereby relieving a large and respectable community of well founded terrors, deserve your early consideration.

Annapolis January 20<sup>th</sup> 1852.

E. Louis Lowe

January 21<sup>st</sup> 1852

The Governor this day received the Semi Annual report of J. J. Welch, Inspector of domestic and foreign liquors, oils, and Molasses, in the City of Baltimore, from the 7<sup>th</sup> of July 1851 to the 7<sup>th</sup> of January 1852 and ordered the same to be filed.

January 24<sup>th</sup> 1852

This day the Governor made the following nominations to the Senate viz: James Arthur, as Notary Public, to reside at Chestertown, Kent County, and Francis J Wheeler, as Inspector and Corder of Firewood in Clarksville, Baltimore County.

The Governor received a communication from the House of Delegates requesting him to furnish the House with whatever information may be in his possession in regard to the contested election for Register of Wills for Howard County.