

January 24<sup>th</sup> 1852

The Governor received a communication from the Senate informing him that the Senate advised and consented to the appointment of James Arthur as Notary Public for Kent County to reside at Chestertown, and of Francis J. Wheeler as Inspector and Corder of Firewood in Clarksville, Baltimore County.

The Governor issued Commissions to James Arthur as Notary Public, to reside at Chestertown, Kent County and to Francis J. Wheeler as Inspector and Corder of Firewood in Clarksville, Baltimore County.

January 26<sup>th</sup> 1852

The Governor this day received and filed a copy of the Official bond of Samuel J. Harrison, Register of Mills for Queen Anne's County.

The Governor refused to grant a *Nolle Prosequi* in behalf of William J. Talbot of Prince Georges County, who was indicted by the Prince Georges County Court for an assault with intent to kill a certain James Webster.

January 27<sup>th</sup> 1852

The Governor sent the following communication to the House of Delegates:

Executive Department  
Annapolis January 26<sup>th</sup> 1852.

To the Honorable

The House of Delegates:

In conformity with the order of the House of the 24<sup>th</sup> instant, requesting the information, in this Department, in regard to the contested election for Register of Mills for Howard County, I have the honor to transmit, herewith, all the papers, in relation thereto, on file in this Department.

E. Louis Lowe

January 29<sup>th</sup> 1852

This day the Governor sent the following communication to the House of Delegates, and, likewise, a duplicate thereof to the Senate.

Executive Department  
January 28<sup>th</sup> 1852

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:

I respectfully call your attention to the necessity of further legislation in regard to the tenure of office of Commissioners to take the acknowledgment of deeds and other instruments of writing, out of the State. By the act of 1837 chapter 97 the Governor is authorized to appoint such Commissioners, to hold office during his pleasure. The consequence is, that many old appointees are in Commission, in various States, whose connection with the Department has been, more or less, lost sight of, from lapse of time. In some cases, the records of this Department do not afford sufficient evidence of the qualification of Commissioners, (who were appointed many years ago) as is provided for, in the third section of the act referred to. An important case, involving a large amount of real estate stands for trial, in one of the Counties of this State, wherein the question of the validity