

of the Acknowledgments of several deeds, taken by a Commissioner, may arise; and yet, the Department does not contain the necessary evidence, on its files. This is owing, (in some degree,) to the irregular character of the tenure of this Office. I recommend that the tenure be limited hereafter to two years. The periodical renewal of Commissions will systematize the appointments, and prevent all possible inconvenience.

E. Louis Lowe

January 30<sup>th</sup> 1852

The Governor this day received a Message from the Senate requesting him to communicate the opinions of Counsel or other information, upon which he predicated the employment of Messrs King and Elmore, as Counsel, with authority to prosecute the interests of the State of Maryland under the Will of the late John McDonough, unless the publication of the same may be incompatible with the public interest.

February 1<sup>st</sup> 1852

This day the Governor received from the Clerk of St. Mary's Circuit Court a list of the Justices of the Orphans Court and Justices of the Peace, who were commissioned and qualified as such, from the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February 1850 to the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November 1851. See return on file.

February 4<sup>th</sup> 1852

This day was received and filed a copy of the Bond given by Richard MacCall to the State of Maryland

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Also this day received and accepted the resignation of William H. Jenkins as Warden of the Maryland Penitentiary to take effect as soon as a successor is qualified.

February 5<sup>th</sup> 1852

The Governor this day sent the following communications to the Senate.

Executive Department

February 4<sup>th</sup> 1852

To the Senate:

On the 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1851, I appointed Thomas H. O'Neal, Esquire, of Frederick County, Secretary of State; which, gentlemen, I now respectfully nominate for the same office, and submit it for your advice and consent.

E. Louis Lowe

The Governor submitted to the Senate the Civil and Military appointments made since the adjournment of December Session 1849, of the General Assembly of Maryland.

Also this day received from the Senate the following communication:

To His Excellency

Annapolis February 5<sup>th</sup> 1852

E. Louis Lowe

The Senate this day advised and consented to the appointment of Thomas H. O'Neal, Esq. as Secretary of State agreeably to the nomination of this date.

I have the honor to be very respectfully your Obedt. Servt. Jonathan P. Millney

Secretary to the Senate