

April 28th 1853.

The Governor nominated to the Senate Nicholas B. Smith for, Inspector of Ground Plaister of Paris in Baltimore City, vice Abijah Smith, deceased.

The Governor, upon the request of James S. Owens, Esquire, Treasurer of Maryland, assigned John V. L. McMahon Esquire as Counsel to defend the interests of the State in the case instituted by J. S. Thomas, late Comptroller of the Treasury of Maryland for the payment of a certain sum of money claimed by him, as due while said Comptroller; a petition having been filed by said Thomas in the Circuit Court for Prince Georges County to that effect.

29th.

The Governor received the declination of Mr. McMahon, and assigned Charles S. Mayer Esquire.

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The Governor received the acceptance of Mr. Mayer as Counsel for the State in the case of Thomas vs. The Treasurer.

The Governor commuted the sentence of Mary Eleanor Brown, free negro, convicted in the Circuit Court for Prince Georges County at April Term 1852, of Felony and Murder, and sentenced therefor to be hanged, to imprisonment for life. (See Record of Prisons.)

May 2^d.

The Governor refused to deliver John Merritt and Thomas McCreary, charged with "kidnapping" upon the Requisition of the Governor of Pennsylvania. (For Correspondence of Governor of Maryland, see Letter Book.)

4th.

The Governor received official information that the Senate had advised and consented to certain nominations made 28th of April last.

The Governor was requested by resolution, to transmit to the Secretary of War of the United States, a copy of an act of Assembly passed for permission to the General Government to take into the City of Washington, water from any source in which the State of Maryland was interested, and the said act was transmitted.

The Governor nominated to the Senate for advice and consent, Arthur J. Willis for Major of of Tenth Cavalry District vice Brown removed out of State.