

practice of all Christian People to set apart days for public thanksgiving and prayer, as a national testimony to the Goodness and Mercy of Divine Providence; and whereas it is the special duty of those, who have enjoyed Her largest bounty, to manifest their gratitude and sense of dependence; and whereas, the People of this State have been, in a most signal manner, enriched with every temporal blessing, which the heart of man can desire; and whereas, also, in view of the unexampled happiness and prosperity for so long a time enjoyed by the whole American Confederacy of States, under the wise and liberal form of government bequeathed to them by a common Ancestry, it has been deemed appropriate, by the Governors of different States, to set apart Thursday the twenty fourth of November next, as a day of simultaneous thanksgiving for past benefits, and of prayer for the bountiful continuance of the same throughout the Union:

Now, Therefore, I, Enoch Lewis
Governor of the State of Maryland, do designate and set
apart Thursday the twenty fourth of November next, as a day of
Thanksgiving to Almighty God, to be kept and observed by the good
people of the State of Maryland; to whom I earnestly invoke on that day
carefully to abstain from all secular employments, and to devote them-
selves to such religious services and exercises as are appropriate to a
day of thanksgiving and prayer.

L. S. Given under my hand, and the Great Seal of the State
of Maryland, this twenty fifth day of October
in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred
and fifty three, and of the Independence of the
United States, the seventy eighth.
E. Lewis, Governor.

By the Governor:

John Randolph Plun,
Secretary of State

31st.

The Governor granted a license to Commissioners under the
Act of 1846 and of 1849, empowered to make a workable road from
Westminster to Esmitting, to erect a toll gate thereon, as prayed
in their report filed.

November 4th

The Governor issued his warrant to the Sheriff of Balti-
more City, authorizing him to deliver George Kellner, claimed
as a fugitive, under a requisition from the Governor of Kentucky.