

1862.

January 1.

The Governor ordered notice to be given of the application for a *solle Prosequi* in the case of Washington Ratcliff, indicted for Larceny, in the Criminal Court for Baltimore, at September Term, 1861.

January 2.

The Governor ordered notice to be given of application for the pardon of Charles Taylor, convicted in the Criminal Court for Baltimore, at September Term, 1858, and sentenced to the Penitentiary for eight years.

On the same day, the Secretary of State transmitted to the Honorable the Speaker of the House of Delegates, the returns of the election for Governor of Maryland, held on the 6th day of November, 1861.

On the same day, the Governor was waited on by committees of the Senate and House of Delegates, who informed him that those Bodies were in session, and ready to receive any communication he might be pleased to make. Whereupon he transmitted to said Bodies the following message:

State of Maryland  
Executive Chamber  
Annapolis, January 1, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Senate  
and of the House of Delegates:

The earnest devotion to the best interests of our State which has been evidenced by you during the recent special session of your Honorable Bodies, renders it almost unnecessary for me to make to you the usual formal communication at the opening of your regular session.

Your prompt assumption of our pro-