

Circular to J. Hopkinson M Jones & Luther Martin Esqrs.
In Council Annapolis Jan'y 29. 1849.

Sir

The State of Maryland having an appeal pending in the Supreme Court of the United States, the wish of the Executive to engage your services as counsel in the case. The question arises under an act of the Legislature of Maryland imposing a tax on the Branch of the Bank of the United States in Baltimore. It is a case stated by agreement, (and) the record has been forwarded to the Court at Washington (case James W. Culloh vs. the State of Maryland and John James).

The Executive think themselves
tho' used to offer a fee of 500. Dollars in the case.

I have the honor to be

With great respect
y^r Obed^t Serv^t.

William Pinkney
Clerk of the Council