

found consistent with my sense of duty it would in such cases afford me pleasure to exercise the <sup>Executive</sup> ~~Executive~~ power of granting a pardon - Be pleased to communicate this to the friends of Mr. Canby.

respt- L C L C

Thos. G. Pratt

George B. Richardson Esq  
Attorney General

State Department

May 19<sup>th</sup> 1845

D. Sir

No doubt exist in reference to the construction of the Law of the last Session imposing a duty upon promissory notes &c. and as it is important to the Community that its true construction should be ascertained without delay: I have thought it best to have a case brought up for the decision of the Court of Appeals in June embracing all the points of doubtful construction.

Upon the receipt of this letter I wish you to have such a case made for the decision of the Court in June as I have above indicated - I would suggest that the case should embrace the following points together with all others which may be considered advisable by you. 1<sup>st</sup> Whether official Bonds or any Bonds with collateral conditions are within the Act - 2<sup>nd</sup> Whether Certificates of deposit issued by Banks are embraced by the Act - 3<sup>rd</sup> Whether a Bank in this State can draw a check on a Bank out of the State without a Stamp - 4<sup>th</sup> Whether Bills of Exchange drawn by Banks chartered by the State require a Stamp -

I will thank you to give this subject your immediate attention & that you will give me official notice of the fact as soon as you have prepared the case for the decision of the Court of Appeals -

respt- L C L C

Thos. G. Pratt

State Department

May 20<sup>th</sup> 1845

John Bacon Esq

Treas. Pen. Inst. for Deaf & Dumb.

Sir

You will please admit into the Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf & Dumb, as a Pupil of the State of Maryland for the period of five years (or unless otherwise ordered) Elizabeth Hinderith of Frederick County, now aged ten years -

Very respt- L C L C Thos. G. Pratt

John Bacon Esq

State Department May 20<sup>th</sup> 1845

Treas. Pen. Inst. for Deaf & Dumb. Sir

You will be pleased to admit into the Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf & Dumb as a Pupil of the State of Maryland for the period of five years (or unless otherwise ordered) Teresa Elminix of Baltimore County, now aged about ten years -

Thos. G. Pratt

Gov. of Maryland