

Executive Department  
Sept 4<sup>th</sup> 1846

To Jasper G. Bowen Esq.

Dear Sir

I have received the applications for a Nolle Prosequi in the case of your slave indicted in Calvert County Court for breaking open the Store House of Mr. Young & regret I cannot consistently with the rule established for my governance in such cases conform to the wishes of the Gentlemen who have signed this application -

In consequence of the great public injury which had resulted from the too frequent exercise of this executive power, I determined to grant a Nolle Prosequi in no cases except where the innocence of the party accused was made apparent & where the party accused being innocent, a public trial would operate injuriously upon the character of feelings of the party accused -

In the present case the petition does not represent the Accused to be innocent, and his trial can certainly occasion no public or private injury -

With great respect  
Your Obedt Servt  
Thos. G. Pratt

To Cary Long Esq.  
Superintendent of  
Building Tobacco Ware House

Annapolis  
Sept 4<sup>th</sup> 1846

Dear Sir

My object in employing a Superintendent of the building being erected for a Tobacco Ware House, was in the first place to ensure the faithful execution of the work according to the designs & specifications prepared by you, and secondly to avoid the possibility of loss to the State in the advances of Money to the Contractor, by paying only upon the certificate of the Superintendent, that the advance asked for at any time, is less by twenty per cent than the value of the work done up to such period -

You will therefore for the future be pleased to conform to this regulation by giving certificates in the form above indicated -

Respect &c &c  
Thos. G. Pratt

To Cary Long Esq.  
Superint. Tobacco Ware House

Annapolis  
Sept 8<sup>th</sup> 1846

Sir

I have been certainly surprised at the contents of your letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> inst. This moment received by what process of reasoning you have been enabled to arrive at the conclusion that my letter was designed to censure you as the Superintendent of the building of the Tobacco Ware House I am unable to conceive - Where I saw you in Ball you asked me whether any particular form should be