

Executive Department  
Annapolis Nov the 18<sup>th</sup> 1846

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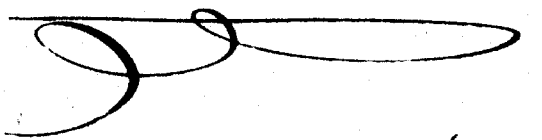
By the death of Chancellor Blair the Great seal of Maryland has been placed at my disposal, and I now write to request that you will permit me to place it in your custody as the Chancellor of the State of Maryland.

I will thank you to designate as early a day as may be convenient to you, to receive from me the Great Seal of the State & assume the duties of that high station

With great respect & esteem  
Y<sup>r</sup> Obedt. Servt.

To  
John D. McKea Hon Esq<sup>r</sup>

Thomas Pratt



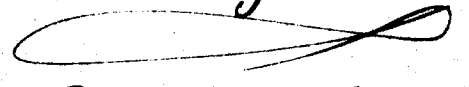
Jacob Chouer Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Clerk Carroll County Court

Executive Department  
November 20<sup>th</sup> 1846

Sir

I enclose for record in your office the Bonds of the present Collector of the State tax of Carroll County. Be pleased to acknowledge its receipt and forward me an official copy at as early a day as may be convenient to you.

Very resp<sup>t</sup> your Obedt. Servt  
Thos. G. Pratt



William Alexander Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Attorney at Law Balt City

State Department  
November 21<sup>st</sup> 1846

Dr Sir

I have examined the application for the pardon of Stephen Hill & I now write to communicate to you the ground upon which I felt myself obliged to reject the application in this case. The petition alleges that Hill was convicted in Baltimore City Court for stealing an article worth fifty cents, & the Court in their recommendation for the pardon in this case, say that, "The Court have always considered the minimum punishment of two years, for such trivial offences as the present, too high, they therefore join in the recommendation for a pardon of said Hill by the Governor - if a pardon were granted upon this recommendation of the Court, it would be construed as a recognition by one of the principle avowed by the Court, and would result in the release of all Criminals who may be hereafter convicted of like offences. It would be the announcement by one of a determination to annul the Criminal law of the State so far as it is applicable to such offences. If the law fixing the punishment of such offences, is too severe,