

I would consent to entertain the application!

I told Mr Love that I would write to him in a few days, without however communicating to him my intention in respect to this Conference with you. If facts can be adduced, with which you were unacquainted, calling for the interposition of the Executive power, I should nevertheless desire to proceed in such a manner, as to render your action and mine in the matter consistent.

I regretted very much that you were not present at the Ball on Wednesday night last, and hope that my letter to you, on the subject, reached you in time.

Very Respectfully & Truly Yours,
E. Louis, Love.

Baltimore 3^d February 1851 ~

My dear Sir,

I am greatly obliged to you for your letter of the 3^d inst. and cannot abstain from the expression of my surprise that the Sheriff of Talbot should attempt to present to your consideration the case of Grimm in the manner in which he has done — About the time at which the record in the case was received by me, in reply a letter from Love came to hand asking a commutation of the sentence, not upon the ground "that the murder was not the result of deliberate malice" but because the prisoner was a person of weak mind, and therefore not accountable for the crime of which he was convicted; and further stating that a great interest was felt by the people of Talbot & Dorchester in his case, and that petitions numerously signed would in a few days, be forwarded to me. I accordingly laid aside the record and awaited the arrival of the petitions some two weeks — During all that time, not one word was received from Love, from the Council of the Court, from the Court or a single citizen of either County — Under these circumstances, believing that it would not be just or proper on my part to transfer to my successor in office the performance of one of the most disagreeable duties devolving upon the Executive and considering it, also, a matter of humanity to give the earliest possible notice to the convict himself of the time fixed for his execution, I proceeded on the 17th of December to sign the Death Warrant — This, however, I did not do, until I had inquired into the circumstances of the case and informed myself, as fully as I could do, of the true state of the facts. The charge of the Court in pronouncing the sentence of the law informed me of the entire concurrence in the verdict of the jury and that they considered the crime of great enormity and committed upon wilful, deliberate, express malice — Judges Eccleston and Hopper presided at the trial, the latter pronouncing sentence — The charge delivered upon the occasion was published in the "Eastern Gazette", which if you desire it, you can readily procure — The record showed no attempt on the part of the Council, of whom Martin was one, to set aside the verdict either by motion in arrest or for a new trial — Not satisfied still to rest the matter at this point, I had an interview with Mr Hicks, a member of the Convention from Dorchester, who I understood had a knowledge of all the facts — From him I learned that the murder was the result of an antecedent