

the number is limited to twenty, but it is still discretionary with the Governor to appoint fewer, Can the number be filled during the recess? In regard to Notaries, Commissioners & where the number is unlimited, is the Governor restricted by the 15th Section of the act of 1836?

(The Governor respectfully asks for a full revision by you, of the acts of Assembly creating these various indefinite appointments, inasmuch as they seem to be all referable to the same general principle, the settlement of which, for the Government of this Department is immediately called for, by pressing public necessities.

I have the honor to be, Very Respectfully, Yours &c
 Thomas W. O'SNeal
 Secretary of State.

Commencement of the Mitchell case.

(Commonwealth of Pennsylvania), SS;

(William Johnston, Governor of the said Commonwealth.)

To his Excellency, the Governor of the State of Maryland,

It appears by the annexed papers, duly authenticated according to the laws of this Commonwealth, that a certain J. S. Mitchell, stands charged by indictment in the Court of Oyer & Terminer and Quarter Sessions of the Peace, held in and for the City and County of Philadelphia in this State, at December Session, A.D. 1850 with the crime of "Kidnapping", committed in the said County of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania.

And it has been represented to me that the said J. S. Mitchell fled from the Justice of this State, and has taken refuge within the State of Maryland.

Now therefore, Pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the United States, in such case made and provided, I do hereby request that the said J. S. Mitchell, be delivered to James Barber, who is duly authorized to receive and convey him to the State of Pennsylvania, to be dealt with according to law.

Given under my hand and the Less Seal of the State
 this 24th day of February, in the year of our Lord, one
 thousand eight hundred & fifty one.

(Wm J. Johnston)

