

State of Maryland, Cecil County, set:

Certificate
of the Clerk
that Geo. H.
Joyce was
a Justice of
the Peace,
duly commis-
sioned and sworn.

I hereby certify, that George H. Joyce, Esquire,
before whom the annexed affidavits were made, and who has therunto
subscribed his name, was at the time of so doing one of the Justices of
the Peace of the State aforesaid, in and for the County aforesaid, duly
Commissioned and Sworn.



In testimony whereof, I hereto set my hand, and
the seal of Cecil County Court affix, this fifteenth
day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand
Eight hundred and fifty one.

R. C. Hollyday, Clerk
of Cecil County Court.

Philadelphia March 17th 1851
No 21 Prune Street ~ }

His Excellency Governor Lowe

Sir,

From Mr
E. Lehman
to the Gov.
asking the
Continuance
of the Agency
of Mr Wise,
& that he
may visit
Phila? to
take further
testimony in
the case of
Mitchell
vs. &c.

Having seen that you have appointed
Mr (Wise), to act as a Commissioner to investigate the Mitchell case,
I take the liberty of writing to you in relation to it, in the hope
that some assistance may be rendered to the other defendants who
have been convicted.

I wrote to day to Mr (Wise), at Elkton, asking him
some particulars in reference to his Commission, that I might, if
allowed, submit some important testimony to him, which he could
incorporate in his report.

With this view, I would suggest the continuance of the
Commission, and, if possible, that Mr (Wise) might visit our City,
to take the deposition of witnesses who reside here.

You may remark, what have I, or the State of Maryland
to do with the conviction of Citizens of Pennsylvania? To which I can only
reply, that they were Mr Mitchell's agents, and acted with his authority,
and for so doing, have been convicted and imprisoned. It might be
that the report of the Commissioner, embodying facts, that could be
proven, if laid before our Governor, might procure such action as
would remove the case to a higher tribunal.

My interest in writing to you, arises from
my having acted as Counsel for the defendants, and from the belief
that they were wrongfully convicted. From this relationship
to the case, I derive my knowledge, which, I will detail to
you briefly and truthfully.

James