

upon them. This was a case very much like Alberti's the Agent of Mitchell tried in Philadelphia, and I consider his conviction an outrage upon law and a tribute to a miserable, sickly sentiment which if encouraged would soon make Southern rights an empty shadow.

I am glad you refused Gov. Johnston's requisition for Mr. Mitchell as I presume Judge Parsons would have charged the jury to convict him and sent him ten years to the Penitentiary also. Gov. Johnston is a fine specimen of a cunning demagogue and he is now trading for the Abolition vote to re-elect himself Governor of this State. I can, however, assure you that there is no danger of such a result, as the War Cry of the Democratic party next election will be "Bigler and the Constitution - Johnston disunion and Negro suffrage".

In conclusion permit me most seriously to suggest for your most thoughtful consideration, whether it is not proper or at least politic for the State of Maryland to pay the costs and expenses incurred by Sanders & Snyder in consequence of a prosecution for services rendered in behalf of citizens of Maryland. Sanders & Snyder, are poor men, but brave fellows, and although the costs and expenses will not be more than \$4 or \$500 = yet they cannot pay this sum without serious embarrassment to themselves. But I feel assured that the gallant State of Maryland will not permit such men to be wantonly persecuted and sacrificed. I herewith forward you the notes of testimony and the "Lebanon Advertiser", containing a very rough sketch of the trial. I would like to hear from you before the 26<sup>th</sup> of this month as we go to Lebanon, then to argue the motion for a new trial.

Your very O<sup>b</sup>l<sup>d</sup> Servant

Richard M<sup>c</sup>Allister  
W. S. Commissioner.

Note - "The Notes of testimony" referred to above, were, on the 20<sup>th</sup> of June 1851 by order of the Governor, returned to Mr M<sup>c</sup>Allister in accordance with a request contained in his letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> June 1851.

State Department, Annapolis, May 6<sup>th</sup> 1851.

Richard M<sup>c</sup>Allister Esq  
W. S. Commissioner &c

Sir,

By this morning's mail, I received your letter of yesterday, with the enclosed record and accompanying copy of the "Lebanon Advertiser", and hasten, by your request, to send you a hasty reply, the brevity of which you will excuse, as my official engagements are urgent. However much Marylanders may sympathize with the citizens of other States, who may be subjected to persecution by the fanaticism of Abolitionists, the State of Maryland cannot undertake to