

State Department, Annapolis May 2<sup>d</sup> 1857A. J. Emory Esq  
Dep: Att: Gen<sup>l</sup>

Dear Sir,

The Governor has directed me to request you, not to proceed against the Sureties on the bond of Mr Goldsborough until after the May term of your County Court, as the parties promise to pay the money during the said term.

I have the honor to be, Very Respectfully Yours &c  
Thos. N. O'Neal  
Secy of State

State Department, Annapolis May 29<sup>th</sup> 1857Hon: R. J. Brent  
Attorney General

Dear Sir,

Gov. Thomas (who will converse with you more fully on the subject) has informed that Gregory & Co, the former contractors for Lottery Grants, and present assignees to the Gov. of the old grants, manifest a disposition to create difficulties, which may seriously embarrass the whole system, and concerning affect the revenue of the State materially. The Governor is under the impression that they have applied to you to institute proceedings in the name of the State against the present Contractors for selling lottery tickets beyond the limits of the State, unstamped, and without the payment of the five per centum provided for Lottery Grants Law, in regard to sales made in Maryland. I have looked through the papers, connected with the whole controversy, and examined the proceedings of the Legislature of 1849 in reference thereto and consider the question definitely settled.

The Legislature has in fact given an express sanction to the course by the parties, so far as relates to the contracts, and has expressly declared that the acts relating to the 5 per centum and the Stamp duties are inapplicable to tickets sold beyond the limits of the State. Under these circumstances it would be improper for the Executive Authority to open the question; and it would undoubtedly lead to consequences very prejudicial to the financial interests of the State. I am satisfied that Messrs Gregory & Co. are pursuing a selfish and unjustifiable course, after having been already heard and dismissed by the Legislature. Gov. Thomas will give you a detailed statement, and show you the papers and proceedings; after a full examination of which please do me the favor to communicate to me

Yours