

Your views at an early day. Other proceedings are also threatened by these parties, for the purpose of testing the constitutionality of the new grants created since 1836, should they be successful in which, great injury must ensue to the New Grantees, most of whom have still large amounts to be realized by the Lottery schemes. I am satisfied as far as my investigation has gone, that those parties should receive no encouragement or aid from the State in the prosecution of their designs, but on the contrary, they merit decided condemnation.

(Very Respectfully) Yours &c
 E. Louis Lowe.

State Department, Annapolis June 21st 1851 ~

Hon: R. J. Brant
 Attorney General,
 Sir,

From
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 to
 Atty Genl
 Brant,
 asking
 his opinion,
 as to the
 powers of
 District
 Justices.

By direction of the Governor it becomes my duty to inform you that his attention has been called to the supposed fact that the present system of District Courts, in the several election Districts of the Counties of this State, are abolished by the New Constitution, from and after the 4th of July proximo; and also, in this connexion, that his Excellency has been called upon to know whether or not the District Justices, can, after the vacation of their Commissions as such, exercise the powers of Justices of the Peace.

Your opinion is required upon the following points:
 1st Are said Courts abolished by the New Constitution, from and after the 4th July.
 2nd Can the Justices of said Courts exercise thereafter the powers of Justices of the Peace, by virtue of their Commissions as District Justices - The act of 1835 Chap: 201 required that the Governor should Commission three Justices of the Peace in each Election District, to act as Justices of a District Court for their District, and prescribe their duties jurisdiction &c. The act of 1836 Chap: 275 Authorizes the Governor to appoint the Justices of the District Courts from other than Justices of the Peace already in Commission, and says that the Justices of the District Courts, by virtue of their Commissions, as Justices of the District Courts, shall possess all the powers and authority of Justices of the Peace, in addition to