

the Court has sentenced; and it only remains for me to perform my painful duty, under the laws of the State, in assigning a day for his execution.

I cannot close this letter without paying a just tribute to the disinterested and truly Christian benevolence which marked your conduct, in an undertaking surrounded by difficulties and popular prejudices, to a degree sufficient to test the highest perfection of moral firmness.

I have the honor to be
 Rev^d Sir, Your Obedt. Serv^t.
 E. Louis Lowe

State Department,
 Annapolis July 11th 1851

Private

Rev^d John P. Carter

Rev^d Dear Sir,

From
 the Gov^t.

I have just read in this morning's "Sun", your Card, in regard to my letter published the day before. I was pleased to see that you took the proper view as to my right and duty, to make known to the public my determination, and the grounds concerning upon which it is based. I was sorry, however, (not upon my own account, surely) that you pleased yourself to apply for copies of the papers on file here for publication. If you peruse my letter, you will perceive that I said all that prudence sanctioned, which could be necessary for the full vindication of your course; and the editorial of the "Sun" clearly shows that, in the estimation of the Editors of that paper, at least, the light in which I placed you and your collaborators in this matter, reflected credit on you and them. Nothing further was necessary. (You thought differently; and, of course, I have no right to interfere. You can, of course, have the copies for publication. But, it must be distinctly understood, that no partial publication can be allowed. All the documents, pro and con, (if any) must go together, in one publication over the Certificate of the Secretary of State, so that, the public can have the whole case before them, as I had it before me.

But, see, my dear Sir, what you propose doing. The matters alleged in several of the most important letters (those of Messrs. Grier and Fort especially) are, in law, libellous, and would subject the parties to criminal prosecution and civil suits for damages. How far Mr. Pease and her sympathizers might feel disposed to give trouble, is not for me to conjecture.

As long as the papers are under my Executive control,
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