

196, Sec 1, and the act of 1846 Chap 143, you will find that by the act of 1845 referred to you are vested with the discretionary power to bid for and purchase the real Estate of Mr Floyd, which is bound by a judgment in favor of the State, rendered against him as one of the Sureties of Mr Milbourn late Collector of taxes in your County. You will also be instructed by the act of 1846 referred to, in all the duties of your trust incident to the purchase should it be made, the law vests you, and not the Executive with the entire discretion in such cases.

I can not hesitate however, to express the opinion that, under the circumstances set forth by you, in your last letter addressed to this Department, it becomes your duty, in accordance with the intention of the acts aforesaid, to protect the interests of the State, in the manner therein provided for.

I am, Very Respectfully, Yr Obedt Servt.  
E. Louis Lowe.

State Department, Annapolis Sep 20<sup>th</sup> 1851

Levi N. Bowen Esq,

Dear Sir,

(Your brother called on me this morning) and stated that it was the desire of some of the friends of the deceased Mr Gorsuch, that I should employ John Nelson Esq to aid in the prosecution of the parties accused of participation in the recent Murders of Christiana. I have already sent instructions to the Hon: W. J. Brent, Attorney General, which he will fulfil. The proper person to represent the interests and dignity of the State, in this and other matters of public concern, before Courts of Law, is the Attorney General, who, in addition to the merit of his personal character and legal abilities, carries with him the influence of his official station. At the request of your brother I write this note.

I am very Respectfully, Yr Obedt Servt.

E. Louis Lowe

From the  
 Copy to  
 Mr. Bowen  
 Concerning  
 the employment  
 of John Nelson  
 in the  
 trials  
 for  
 treason.