

should attend at the preliminary investigations, to be had, in the matter of the Gorsuch Massacre, at Lancaster, on Tuesday next. The Governor is determined that full justice shall be done, under the eye of an accredited officer of this State.

You are therefore instructed to proceed, or to send your aforesaid deputy, on Monday next to Lancaster, for the purpose above mentioned. On your arrival you will request the privilege to participate in the prosecution.

Should this be denied, (which the Governor cannot contemplate,) you will remain and witness the investigation, and forward to this Department a full statement of the proceedings, with your views and advice.

Very Respectfully,
Thos. H. O'Neal,
Secy of State ~

Baltimore Sept 19, 1851 ~

From
Atty Genl
Borah
in reply
to
the former

Dear Sir, I have received the order of the Governor to aid in the prosecution of the Gorsuch murders at Lancaster. As Mr May is now at Saratago for his health, I shall myself attend to the duty of this prosecution in behalf of the rights and interests of the citizens of Maryland.

Yours Very Respectfully

Robert S. Brent.

Hon: Thomas H. O'Neal
Secy of State
Annapolis

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