

which must take place in 1852. Pennsylvania has a weighty responsibility upon her, at this moment; and I rejoice to see that her patriotic people are conscious of it, and prepared to meet it.

Believe me, my dear Sir, with sentiments of very high regard,  
Your Obedt Servt.

E. Louis Love.

State Department }  
Annapolis, Md. Oct 4<sup>th</sup> 1857.

Hon. James Cooper,

Sir:

Being aware of your devotion to the cause of the Union, and the Constitutional rights of the Southern States; and believing that your high personal and official Character, superadded to your extended political influence, will necessarily give to your Co-operation great weight and efficiency; I take pleasure in appointing you Assistant Counsel, on behalf of the State of Maryland, in the prosecutions of the Murderers of the lamented Edward Gorsuch. I have instructed the Attorney General of this State to present himself before the Court, having jurisdiction of those cases, and to request the privilege, in the name of the State of Maryland, to participate in the prosecutions. As the chief Law Officer of Maryland, the Attorney General is manifestly the proper person to occupy this attitude.

Having heard that a most formidable array of Counsel has been, or will be brought to the assistance of the Defence, by Abolition-Sympathizers, and being determined that nothing shall be left undone on my part, to vindicate the insulted dignity of the State, over which I have the honor to preside, I immediately resolved to employ Counsel to aid the Attorney General. Many reasons of policy, as well as propriety, looking solely to the desired result of these prosecutions, induced me to pass over the distinguished claims of the Maryland Bar, and to seek the assistance of some able advocate of our common cause, from amongst the patriotic Counsellors of your State. After deliberate reflection, I have selected you; and I hope that the selection will be as acceptable to you, as it is eminently gratifying to me. This atrocious murder involves considerations and issues of higher importance and more precious to the Nation, than any one human life can be; even the life of

From the Gov. to Hon. James Cooper, appointing him Chief Counsel in the trial of the Murderers of Edward Gorsuch