

State Department }
Annapolis Md. Nov 6th 1857 ~ }

From the His Excellency, The President,
Gov. to of the United States.
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U. States

Sir

I have the honor to enclose herewith, concerning for the consideration of your Excellency, a copy of a letter addressed the treason by the attorney general of this State to the Hon. John W. Ashmead, trials in U. S. District Attorney at Philadelphia; and also, a copy of a Penna. letter from the Attorney General to myself.

As these letters will fully explain to your Excellency all that ^{it} is necessary to communicate, touching the promises, I abstain from making any comment.

I have the honor to be, with the highest consideration;

(Your Excellency's obt. Serv^t.)

E. Louis Lowe.

Baltimore Oct. 27th 1857 ~

From Atty. Gen. to the President

Dear Sir, On the 18th inst. I addressed to John W. Ashmead, to the Gov. United States District Attorney at Philadelphia, a letter concerning of which the enclosed is a true copy, and which at the the treason time had your sanction — As a sufficient period has elapsed trials. — without receiving any reply from him, I cannot but consider copy sent that he refuses to reconsider the exceptionable terms of his to the previous letter and consequently that I shall not be President's sufferer ^{to} appear in the approaching trials for treason U. S. at Philadelphia, growing out of the murder of a citizen of Maryland, unless I consent to the preliminary stipulations proposed by Mr Ashmead and which I regard as humiliating to our State, by whose authority and in whose name I was directed to appear in these prosecutions.

I therefore deem it proper that your Excellency shall — be informed of these matters & at the same time of my determination under any circumstances not to retract the position already taken by me in reference to Mr Ashmead's terms — I will not presume to advise your Excellency as to the course to be pursued, but if my action still meets with your approbation, it may be necessary for you to apprise my colleague, The Hon Mr Cooper of Pennsylvania, of