

of the offence inflicted on our State by the Conduct of Mr. Ashmead & to instruct him as one of the Counsel employed by you, as to the course to be pursued, under these unenforced circumstances I have the honor further to report that I have addressed a letter to our agent Mr. Thompson of Lancaster, to withhold until further orders any information he may have obtained touching the evidence in these trials, since his employment by us - For if Maryland shall not be permitted to appear by her own Counsel, then it is proper that the whole responsibility of the prosecution in every particular should devolve upon the authorities of the United States - I shall in pursuance of your previous wishes attend the trials as a spectator and report the proceedings and result to your Excellency

(Yours very Respectfully)

Robert S. Prent.

To His Excellency
 E. Louis Lowe,
 Governor of Maryland.

Baltimore October 18th 1857.

From
 Atty. Gen
 Brink, to
 W. Ashmead
 Concerning
 the treason
 trials in
 Penn.

Dear Sir,

You say in your letter of the 10th inst. while assenting to my appearance for the prosecution in the approaching treason trials at Philadelphia that you "wish it distinctly understood that their control & management is to continue with the officers of the United States Government and that the closing address to the jury on the part of the prosecution must be made by yourself" Regarding myself as the official representative of the State whose citizens have been outraged and one of them murdered on Pennsylvania soil, I regret to say that I cannot consent to accept preliminary terms so unusual and unnecessary whatever I might be willing to do afterwards through a sense of Justice to your official position - And I might add, that being a stranger to you, I feel much mortified, that you should consider it necessary to require such a stipulation from me as you propose - I was cordially associated in the prosecution at Lancaster before the State authorities without the imposition of any such terms. I trust you will not regard me as captious, but I feel it due to the State whose representative

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 to the
 President
 W. S.