

I am in this matter that I should respectfully decline unusual or unnecessary terms.

Should you insist on this preliminary understanding, I am instructed by the Governor to appeal at these trials, if not as counsel by your sufferance, as a bystander and as such to report the proceedings as far as my opportunities will allow.

Yours very Respectfully

Robert J. Brent

Yours:
John W. Ashmead
U. S. Attorney
Philadelphia.

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From His Excellency

David Webster

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E. Louis Love,

Governor of the State of Maryland,
Annapolis.

Department of State,
Washington, 8th November, 1851.

Sir,
The President has referred to this Department the communication which your Excellency addressed to him under date the 6th instant, relative to the representation of Maryland in the approaching trials for treason at Philadelphia. In reply, I have the honor to transmit to your Excellency, a copy of an instruction upon the subject which has been addressed by this Department to John W. Ashmead, Esquire the Attorney of the United States for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. It is hoped that the arrangement therein recommended, will prove satisfactory.

I have the honor to be, with great respect,
Your Excellency's most obedient servant.

David Webster