

in the  
trials  
for  
treason

me to tender to such Council, the concluding speech on the part of the prosecution. I would, therefore, esteem it a particular favor, if you would inform me, as early as practicable, what Council will be present on the part of Maryland, and which of them you desire should have the closing address to the jury; also the position which the other gentlemen selected will occupy in the cases. You will at once perceive, that until I receive this information I cannot make the arrangements which I deem essential to avoid confusion on the trial.

I need not assure you, that it will afford me much pleasure to carry out all your wishes in respect to these cases.

I have the honor, to be,  
Your Obedt Servt  
John W. Ashmead.

His Excellency  
E. L. Love  
Gov. of Maryland.

State Department }  
Annapolis Nov: 14<sup>th</sup> 1851 }

From  
Secy State  
to  
W. Ashmead  
in  
reply to  
the  
inquiry

Hon. John W. Ashmead,  
U. S. District Attorney &c  
Sir,

By direction of the Governor, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> inst. The Governor is much gratified at the liberal assurance which you give, that it will afford you much pleasure to carry out all his wishes in respect to the cases for treason shortly to be tried in your City. The Governor has but one desire, in the matter, and that is, that strict justice be done; of which he cannot entertain a doubt, as he has the highest confidence in the Government and Officers of the United States, and the people of Pennsylvania.

He is also obliged to you for your kindness in consulting his wishes in regard to the arrangement to be made with the Council engaged by the State of Maryland to assist in the prosecution.

The Honorable Robert S. Brint, Attorney General of Maryland, and the Hon. James Cooper, U. S. Senator of your State, will appear on behalf of Maryland. The Attorney General, as the Law Officer of this State, is primarily looked to as its representative. The Governor has no doubt that the necessary arrangement between yourself and Mr. Brint & Cooper, can be effected,