

the old officers would hold over under the terms of Art: 10,
Sec: 8. — On the other hand incalculable mischief will result if
you commission a man not duly elected to any of these offices
(Yours very truly
Robert J. Brent

To his Excellency,
Ed. Lewis Sewel
Governor of Maryland.

Washington City Nov 18th 1851.

From Dear Sir,
Dep. Atty. Gen. Mr. Mayo there were no bidders in attendance to run up the
for S^h property to its real value. I took as a standard the amt. of
Mary's appraisement and thought if it sold for half of said appraisement,
concerning the amt. to be paid by the return of the Ji Fa — that it was no
the sacrifice of the property — and consequently I bid that amt. for
Sale of State, I was overbid — the amt. made was \$1884.86.
I write you now for instructions in another case — The case ag^t
Property W. Reeder. Prior to the Judg. of the State there was a mortgage
given by Reeder to a gentleman of S^h Mary's ^{in all of his real property, all six hundred & placed} for ^{all three hundred}
dollars — The mortgage has been foreclosed and the debt with int^{er}
ag^t the estate abt \$500 — There has been a trustee appointed for
the sale of said estate and the property is to be sold the first day
of December next. The Judg. of the State v. Reeder is not out
until the 24th of this month — so I shall ^{not} have time to sell first
subject to the mortgage — I think it would be advisable to buy
in for the State under the sale of the mortgage — The property is
worth abt 2500 or 3000 Dollars — Write directly — what must be
done to me at Leonard town.

(Yours with respect,
G. Ford Maddox
Depty atty, for S^h Mary's County

(Note — The above letter accurately copied from the original, with abbreviations)