

State Department  
Annapolis Nov 26<sup>th</sup> 1857

From - G. O. Maddox Esq  
Secy of State  
in reply  
to the  
following  
Depty. Atty Genl.

Sir, (Your letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> inst. was received a day or two since), and should have been replied to at an earlier day, had it not been for the great press of business in the Department.

You ask for instructions in the case of Reeder. The Governor can see no objection to your suggestion. Of course, if the property is sold under the Decree, with a prior lien upon it of \$500. (inclusive of interest &c) and the State does not appear as a bidder, it may well be expected that the claim of the State will be wholly sacrificed, by the sacrifice, or purchasing in, of the property.

In a former letter of instructions, your attention was called to the acts of Assembly regulating your duty and mode of procedure in such cases, and the Governor directs me to say that those laws apply fully to this case, and that it is your duty to see that the property sells for its full value, or to so much thereof as will secure the interests of the State, which you represent.

(Very Respectfully)

Your obt. Servt.

Thos. H. O'Neal

Secretary of State.

Philadelphia Nov 26. 1857, 1 1/2 o'clk. P. M.

From: Dear Sir,

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trial  
the  
minor.  
We have succeeded in getting a panel of Jurors in the case of Hanaway (ten good men & two to some extent exceptionable, but against whom we are unable to show no cause). The panel is generally considered a good one; and since writing the first sentence, I have received information which satisfies me that Cowden the last juror empanelled is less exceptionable than we supposed. Indeed, my informant says he is a good honest man, in favor of doing justice in the case. The other juror Connolly is a weak man, not likely to take any determined stand against other stronger and more intelligent men on the panel.

I am happy to be able to inform your Excellency likewise, that any difficulty which might have grown out of the extraordinary pretensions of Mr Ashmead, has been satisfactorily settled; and instead of mischief, good is likely to result from the temporary misunderstanding. The manners and conduct of Mr Boutwell have won the approbation of all who are in any way connected with the trial.

What the result of the trial will be, it is impossible to