

failing in the task.

I heartily regret that so much inconvenience has been occasioned to your Excellency by a circumstance, which has been the cause of no less annoyance to myself. In the hope however that the plain narratives of what has passed will prove speedily satisfactory.

I have the honor to remain, with great respect,  
Your Excellency's Obedt. Servt.  
W. E. Wyatt

State Department  
Annapolis, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> 1851

Rev<sup>d</sup> W. E. Wyatt D.D.

Rev<sup>d</sup> Sir,

From the Governor to Rev<sup>d</sup> Wyatt in regard to the foregoing Controversy

I had the honor to receive, by the mail of this morning, your letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> inst. I am sure that you would excuse my apparently long delay in replying definitively to your last preceding communication, if you were acquainted with the multitudinous and embarrassing official engagements, which consume the time, and tax all the energies of this Department. We have to examine the interminable Election Returns under the new order of things, from twenty one Counties and the City of Baltimore, and then to issue Commissions to the Officers elected, for the speedy reorganization of the several Courts, and other Departments of the new Government. Add to this, the general routine of the Office, and the multifarious correspondence, demanding frequently instant attention, and you may form an imperfect idea of the labors, at this time, of my Office. I spent, for example, on Friday last, thirteen hours and a half in the Executive Chamber, without one moment's intermission, not leaving it at all, even for my meals, until half past eleven o'clock at night. I assure you Rev<sup>d</sup> Sir, that it will afford me pleasure to give the most careful consideration to the important matter, brought to my notice by you, so soon as I shall have first discharged from my hands the business of the State, which imperatively demands my undivided attention now.

I have the honor to be, with great respect,  
Your Obedt. Servt.  
E. Louis Lowe