

His Excellency, E. Louis Lowe
Governor of Maryland.

I have the honor to submit to your Excellency my final report of the proceeding in, & result of the treason trials, in Philadelphia, originating in the murder of Edward Gorsuch, a citizen of Maryland.

On my arrival, on the 22nd of November, in the city of Philadelphia, the difficulty in regard to my appearance as counsel for the State of Maryland, of which your Excellency is already apprised, was satisfactorily adjusted in a personal interview between Mr Ashmead, the U. S. Attorney, & myself.

This gentleman, in the presence of the Hon. James Cooper, tendered to me the position of leading counsel in these trials which I promptly declined, on the ground that I never had claimed such precedence for myself, as well as, on the grounds of policy & expediency for the prosecution.

It was then agreed that the Hon. James Cooper of Pennsylvania (the distinguished colleague associated with me for the State of Maryland) should occupy the position of leading counsel, which he did with fidelity & signal ability. I will here take occasion to remark that, however unfortunate the preliminary difficulty between Mr. Ashmead & myself, & however prejudicial it may have been to the development of the evidence, by preventing that early interchange of views & information, which was necessary to a thorough preparation of these important cases; yet I received during the trial every social & professional courtesy, at the hands of that gentleman, & he was at all times prompt to act upon any suggestion, which might be made by either Mr. Cooper or myself.

During the progress of the trials, & after a full interchange of views between ourselves, we obtained important additional evidence, shewing the vanification & extensive character of the combination, forcibly to resist the laws of the United States; but, when offered in evidence, it was ruled out by the Court, as inadmissible in so late a stage of the cause.

It is proper, however, to remark that as I understand the opinion of the Court, in their charge to the Jury, no additional evidence on our part could have changed the result. Considering the nature of my

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