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State Department
Annapolis Feb 28th 1852

Genl. Geo. C. Pickens,
Inspector of Guano at Baltimore City,

Inspector
of Guano
Command
and to pro-
ceed for
prosecution
under the Ins-
pection Law.

Sir:

The Governor has just received in-
formation that quantities of Guano, have been seen in public
conveyances going to different parts of this State, without the
brand of Inspection, from which it is concluded, that the own-
ers had evaded the Inspection laws, you are hereby insti-
tuted to institute an immediate enquiry, and if you ascertain
that the charge be correct, and obtain the necessary proof, you
will immediately call upon the State's Attorney, and lodge
the information for a prosecution against the offenders accor-
ding to law.

Very respectfully,
Your Obedt Servt,
Thomas H. O'Neal,
Secy. of State.

Cumberland, April 7th 1852

His Excellency,
E. Louis Lowe
Governor of Maryland,

Dear Sir:

Previous to the adoption of the
present Constitution, I believe it was customary for the Gov-
ernor to call upon the Attorney General to assist the deputies,
in the different Counties, in the trial of important criminal
cases, when the public interest requires it. And as the new
Constitution cloths you with the power of "employing Counsel when
the public convenience requires it," I presume you could feel your-
self authorized to employ Counsel to assist the State's Attorney for
any of the Counties, in case it should be thought necessary.

I therefore write for the purpose of asking your consideration
of the matter, and, at the same time, to present to you the case
of the State against Robert Swann, which will be tried at
the next term of the Circuit Court for this County, hoping that

State's At-
torney of Al-
legany Co.
asking the
assignment
ment of
additional
Counsel
in the of
the State
vs. Swann
indicted for
murder.