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To

His Excellency
E. Louis Lowe

Sir:-

The undersigned, citi-
zens of Talbot County, respectfully represent,
that the public interests require that your
Excellency, ^{shall} appoint James L. Martin Esq, or
some other Attorney, to aid Mr. Robinson in the
prosecution of Theodore R. Lockerman, for the mur-
der of the negro man Raison. The trial is now
about to commence at Centreville, and we
have learned from good authority, that a des-
perate effort is being made to acquit him, and
that the State's Attorney for Queen Anne's
County is much embarrassed for the want
of assistance. It is now too late to obtain a long
list of names, to this petition and we hope
your Excellency will act promptly in the matter,
as delay might be fatal to the public interests.

Dani R. D. Cheatum.
George W. Gerry.
Thos B. Leonard.

Thomas H. Robinson
Wm H. Lowe,
Wm J. Robinson.

June 16th 1852.

Executive Department
Annapolis,
June 18th 1852.

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Your letter of the 16th inst, was
received by the Governor this morning; and I am
directed by him to reply, as follows;

The Governor, before the receipt of your letter,
had fully considered the question of appointing
Assistant Counsel to aid the State's Attorney
in the prosecution of Theodore R. Lockerman. In
cases of great magnitude, such as treason,
the Gasden Massacre, or other crime of great
public concern, involving unusual interest to
the community, the Governor would feel justi-
fied, in assigning counsel, without an appli-