

which had of December Session 1849, wherein the Legislature tendered to you, in connection with several other gentlemen, the thanks of this State for your gallantry in the Mexican War.

My immediate predecessor, the Honorable Philip Francis Thomas, during whose term of office, the resolution referred to, was passed, informed me that either a copy of the resolution was forwarded to you, and carried; or that he could not ascertain your post-office, as he recollects to have had some difficulty on that subject. This will account to you for the more reception by you at an earlier period of an official notice, such as the one I now have the honor to communicate. You will find enclosed a properly authenticated copy of the resolution.

Allow me to congratulate you upon, and to express my cordial concurrence in this high testimonial, offered by your native State, in consideration of your distinguished gallantry and services.

I have the honor to be,
Very Respectfully,
Your Obedt Servt
E. Louis Lowe.

To His Excellency Govr Lowe,

Dear Sir,

I feel it to be my duty to inform you, that a professional engagement of a most important character with the General Govt, now occupies me at this City, & I fear will detain me here for some weeks to come.

If the trial of the Indictment against Robert Swanson in Washington County Court, should take place at the present term of that Court, it will not be possible for me to fulfil my engagement to represent the side of the State in that case.

Could I have foreseen that these two public duties would come in conflict, I beg to assure your Excellency that I would not have undertaken to serve the Federal Govt. at the expense of my duty to the State of Maryland, which had the first claim upon my very humble professional abilities.

But the public importance to the whole country of the case now on trial here; and the fact that I have been made very familiar with it, from a communication

to the Hon. May
informing
the Gov. of
his inability
to perform
the duties
of a
professional
engagement
with the
Gen. Govt.