

of many months, and a visit to Mexico for the purpose of investigating it, would render a resignation of its duties, a subject of which I feel myself reproachful, were it not for censure by others. I therefore ask you to allow me to resign my public employment in the case against Swann.

Could I think it at all probable that I should be called to the prosecution of this case, I should be prepared to do so with zeal and fidelity. Recent events in the action of the Legislature of other States, touching this case, would only serve to strengthen my devotion to the demands of public justice.

It would give me additional stimulus to my efforts, to know that I would be in a situation to maintain the high public virtues and resolute purposes, which have governed your action in this case, and which have been so justly and so justly admired.

Whatever regret I may find in leaving so responsible a duty to my State, and which you so kindly bestowed on me, without any solicitation or expectation on my part, but solely to gratify the demands of those good citizens, who feel concerned for the administration of Justice, will be relieved by the knowledge, that another fellow citizen, who will be pleased to discharge this service can easily be found among the members of the Bar of the State.

I am very respectfully & truly  
your Obedt. Servant  
H. May

Washington, 11<sup>th</sup> March 1853.

Executive Department  
Washington  
March 12<sup>th</sup> 1853

The Gov's  
reply to  
the above,  
accepting  
Mr. May's  
resignation

Henry May Esq

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> inst. resigning your appointment as assistant counsel for the State, in the case of the State vs. Swann, and explaining the reasons therefor, has been received and is satisfactory. In accepting your resignation, allow me to express my very great regret that it was not in your power to continue in the case, and my entire appreciation of the able and judicious manner, in which