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Executive Department
Annapolis, Md.
April 26th 1853.

Col: A. R. Sellers,

Sir:

The Governor, having learned that you have withdrawn as private counsel for the prosecution, in the case of the State vs. Washington, indicted upon a charge of murder, and to be tried in the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, and having been advised by several distinguished citizens of the great importance of this case, has instructed me to tender to you the appointment of Assistant Counsel for the State.

The Governor hopes, that although the duty assigned is unpleasant, you will not hesitate to give to the State, the aid of your eminent professional experience and ability.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt

Thos. H. O'Neal
Secretary of State

Mr. Sellers accepted.

Treasurer's Office
Annapolis, 28th April 1853

To His Excellency

E. Louis Lowe
Governor of Maryland.

Sir:

With this I transmit to you a copy of a "Petition" and "Rule" served on me (yesterday) by the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County.

The issue raised by the late Comptroller of the State against myself as Treasurer thereof, you cannot fail to perceive is an highly important one. Upon its decision a large amount of the State's money is dependent. Under the circumstances, I respectfully ask, that you exercise the power vested in you by the Constitution in the employment of counsel so that the case be speedily and satisfactorily adjudicated.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
J. S. Towns
Treas of Md.