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officially notified by the Treasurer, that the late Comptroller had filed his petition in the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, and that a rule had been served upon him to show cause why a mandamus should not issue, for the payment of a certain amount, claimed by the late Comptroller to be due on account of his salary. The principle involved in this controversy will cover other cases, and create large demands against the Treasury. It is consequently a case of great importance to the State. The Treasurer has therefore requested the Governor to assign counsel to defend the cause. A special messenger was despatched to Baltimore by this morning's cars, to obtain the services of John V. L. McMahon Esq., and has just returned with a note from Mr. McMahon, who declines in consequence of his indisposition. The Governor has accordingly directed me to request, that you will postpone the case in order that he may have an opportunity to take the proper measures required by the interests of the State. No practical inconvenience can arise from delay, inasmuch as there can be no doubt, that the case will be carried to the Court of Appeals, in any event, and that Court cannot entertain the case before June next.

The Governor hopes that you will comply with this request, as the public interests seem imperatively to demand it.

I have the honor to be,

Very Respectfully
Yours Obedt Servt
Thos. H. O'Neal
Secretary of State.

N. B. Upon the declension of Mr. McMahon, Charles F. Mayer & Jervis Spencer Esquires were appointed by the Governor to conduct the case on the part of the Treasurer; and, they accepted the trust.

Executive Department.

Annapolis, Md.

March 11th 1853.

Hon: James Campbell.

Sir:

One of the counsel engaged in the late trial upon a petition for freedom, filed by Rachel