

Executive Department
Annapolis July 6th 1853

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Casper Neantz, Esq.

Sir: The Governor has received from the Circuit Court for Frederick County an official certificate of the fact that you have not filed a bond as Sheriff of Frederick County, since the 17th day of November 1851. You will find by reference to the twentieth section of Article IV. of the Constitution, that you are required to file a bond, with security each year. Your non-compliance with that requirement has vacated your Commission, and the Governor is required by the Article aforesaid, to commission the other chosen as Sheriff at the time of your election. Who from the returns in the Department appears to be William G. Martin.

The Governor wishes to give you an opportunity to be heard, although his course is marked by the Constitution. You are therefore requested to make a statement to this Department of the circumstances under which you committed this default.

Very Respectfully

Yours Obedt. Servt.

Thos. H. O'Neal

Secretary of State

Government House
Annapolis July 7th 1853

Rev. Thos. Foley

Reverend Sir:

Having rejected the recommendation of the Jury in Comor's Case, for reasons which it is not necessary here to set forth, and having refused a commutation of his sentence, upon an examination of the merits of the case itself I had considered the matter closed, I have been informed today however, that testimony not produced at the trial, and discovered since that time, can be obtained, which may have an important bearing upon my decision. Of course, I can know nothing about that. Nevertheless, I have felt it to be my duty to grant Comor a reprieve of two weeks, in order that his friends may have a full opportunity to present his case in the most favorable aspect.

As his religious advisers you cannot fail to appreciate the necessity of not permitting him to be led away