

will gain say the propriety of this act. At all events it is quite sufficient that my judgment is satisfied; as I alone am vested with the Constitutional prerogative to decide that question, and I alone have to assume the responsibility of the decision in the presence of my Peers.

In conclusion I have only to say, that I shall endeavor to decide this case (as I have always done to decide every other) solely upon its merits as developed in all the proof. If stern Justice requires that the Criminal shall suffer death, he shall suffer it. If otherwise he shall not. Of that I shall be the Judge.

It is perhaps unnecessary for me to say that I can take no further notice of the Editor of the Clipper, or of any other person or persons who may think proper to arraign me at the bar of public opinion. I am already sufficiently well known to that tribunal to have no fear of its judgment - This is not the first time that I have trusted to its honesty and intelligence
E. Louis Lowe -

P.S. After the above letter was closed, I resolved to publish the *subjoined correspondence. As it speaks for itself, no comment is necessary. It is the only communication that has ever passed between any Clergyman and myself in relation to Commod. Although unofficial and private, I take the liberty to publish it; and hope that the Rev. Mr. Foley will under the circumstances excuse me. My letter to him was written after the reprieve had been granted, signed and sealed. His reply was received on Friday the 8th. No one can fail to perceive that the reprieve was entirely unexpected, given to the religious adviser of the Convict. Mr. Foley's letter does infinite credit to his heart; will bring some consolation to the sorrowing family of the condemned; and will mildly rebuke the spirit of calumny and persecution in those who seem to have forgotten that they are commanded not to bear false witness against their neighbor
E. Louis Lowe

* See preceding letters to me
from Rev. Thomas Foley pages 442 & 3

Executive Department
Annapolis, Md.
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Dr. P. G. Woodman Esq

Sir: It is the desire of the Governor that all such papers that are to be filed in the case of Commod. should be presented, if