

possible, on or before Saturday next, so that ample time may be left for a full investigation, and for such ulterior purposes as may become necessary before the expiration of the time limited by the respite. The Governor wishes to decide the case finally on Monday or Tuesday next. Any statements made in the case must be under oath before a Justice of the Peace or Judge of a Court of Record. In the former, the usual Certificate of the Clerk of the Superior Court must be attached to the Affidavit. The witnesses must also in their Affidavits state explicitly the reason why they were not at the trial to testify for the prisoner, and how they come now to do so. Also the testimony of well known and responsible citizens under oath, with the form above prescribed, must be produced, vouching for the integrity, respectability, and veracity of any witnesses who may testify to facts connected with the case. No testimony will be received in violation of any of the above regulations.

Very respectfully
 Your Obedt Servt.
 Thomas W. O'Neal
 Secretary of State.

The following statement appeared by Authority of the Governor in the State Capitol Gazette of Saturday May 7th 1853.

Our attention has been called to a respectful communication in the Baltimore Clipper of Tuesday last, in reference to the pardon of William Flemming, and we are authorized to make the following statement: The application for the pardon of Flemming had been pending before the Governor for about eighteen months. The usual notice was published in January 1852, and as protest or objection to the pardon was ever filed; which is very remarkable, if Flemming was as notorious for villainy as he is now represented to have been. The Warden of the Penitentiary, on the 30th of October, 1851, furnished a Certificate of good Conduct, which was filed with the application.

The application was predicated upon an alibi, that is, it was alleged, and evidence was offered, that Flemming was not in the State at the time of the Commission of the Act. Upon the point, the Governor put the parties to the best attainable proof, as will be hereafter stated.

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