

also asked them to give me some idea of the design. As soon as I hear from them, I will communicate with you again; and if their terms be just you, I shall be happy to attend to your wishes. It is a subject of very deep regret & some mortification to me that I have it not in my power to tender you the banner in behalf of the State, as no notice was taken by the Legislature of this subject, at its last session although I had in a special manner called their attention to it. No appropriation was then made for any such purpose.

In accordance with your desire, I have appointed Col. George W. Hughes, Hon. Wm. J. Goldsborough and Lambert Gittings to enquire the Commissioners on the part of Maryland. The former has been compelled to decline from private considerations; the second has not yet been heard from; and the third assures me that he will accept and discharge the duties if possible - I shall fill the vacancy occasioned by the declension by Col. Hughes.

I sincerely regret that an indisposition of eight or ten days, from which I have not yet entirely recovered will prevent my acceptance of your polite invitation to attend the inaugural ceremonies on Thursday next.

Have the honor to be,
With high respect
Yr. Obedt. Servt.
E. Louis Lowe

Executive Department
Annapolis, Md.,
August 3^d 1853

Richard Mason Esq.
State Attorney for Cecil County,

Sir:
By direction of the Governor, I enclose to you a letter addressed to him by Mr. William J. Handell, which you will please return to this Department after perusal, with such information in regard to the case as you possibly may be able to obtain.

Have the honor to be,
Very respectfully,
Yr. Obedt. Servt.
John Randolph Quinn
Secretary of State

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