

The amount of the State Debt as it now stands on the books of this Department is \$ 15,160,668  
 Of this sum the Baltimore & Ohio Rail Road pay the interest on \$ 3,697,000  
 The Susq. & Cha. Water Canal on 1,000,000  
 The Balt. & Susq. Rail Road on 2,232,075 6,929,075  
 Of this amt. the Sinking Fund holds 8,231,623  
 leaving the amt to be paid by taxation 2,808,075  
 \$ 5,423,578

In the hope that this Statement will prove satisfactory

I have the honor to be  
 Very respectfully,

Wm. Ott. Esq.

H. E. Bateman  
 Comptroller

Prince Anne Md  
 September 15<sup>th</sup> 1853

To His Excellency  
 E. Lewis Lowe  
 Governor of Maryland

Dear Sir:

On the 9<sup>th</sup> of May last three men, Conrad W. Moore, Daniel Webster and John M. Horner were committed to the Jail of Somerset County to await a trial for killing Elijah Gibbon of said County on the 7<sup>th</sup> May 1853.

The circumstances attending the case were such as induced the belief that there would be powerful efforts made for their acquittal - that the trial would be laborious and protracted, involving much detailed & perhaps contradictory evidence - certainly statements that might be made to seem contradictory. They have engaged as Counsel Hon. S. D. Jones, Edward Long, William S. Whaley & John H. Rose all experienced and able lawyers. In this state of the case the friends of the accused men made application to me to have the Hon. J. W. Grisfield associated with me in the prosecution, to which desire on their part, I gave my assent, with the understanding that the control and management of the case should remain with me. Mr. Grisfield agreed to their prop-