

Executive Department
Annapolis, Md
September 26th 1853

James Revell
Acting Secy of State
to Mr Byrd
stating that
Mr. had
refused to
appoint Mr.
Crisfield
as Counsel
and to
prosecute
More,
Webster &
Hornes

William J. Byrd Esq
State Attorney, Ge.

Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th instant.

Your absence from Annapolis will be the apology for this tardy answer.

It would be a violation of a rule laid down by the Governor, to employ as Counsel for the State in any public prosecution, one already retained by the friends of the deceased. He felt it to be his duty to refuse to do so, upon a similar application made some time since, until after the Counsel so employed had unconditionally withdrawn from the case as private prosecutor and it had become apparent that it was necessary to assign him as assistant Counsel on behalf of the State. In consequence of this rule therefore the Governor is obliged to decline to appoint Mr. Crisfield as Assistant Counsel for the State in the prosecution of More, Webster and Hornes. He would otherwise have gratified your request without hesitation.

Very respectfully,
Yours Obt. Servt
James Revell
Acting Secretary of State

Baltimore 27th October 53

Hon. E. Louis Howe

James H. Co
referring
charges
against the
Imprested

Sir:

It is unpleasant for us to complain of persons acting under your appointment. This is the first time we have ever done so of a public Officer, but the conduct of most of the Gaugers, (there are one or two exceptions) is such that it is no longer bearable. We often have to quor on our pavement a whole day and in some instances two days before we can find a Gauger to Gauge and prove it, in the mean time, the owner has to remain in town. Most of the liquor received in the upper part of the City by Cans and waggons is accompanied by the owners who settle first and take the money home.