

but since he could not will answer for himself the
charges made against him; I shall send him the
Correspondence, immediately on his return.

and now permit me to say, that I feel truly
grateful to your Excellency, for the part you have
taken in transmitting to me the whole Correspondence.

I have the honor to be
Sir, Your obedient Servant
Thos J. Welch

Wm. E. Lewis Esq.

Clerk's Office, Hagerstown
November 9th 1853

His Excellency
The Governor of Maryland:

Sir: In transmitting to you to-day the election returns for this
County, I have had great difficulty in deciding as to the
form of the returns, & should they be defective I will
cheerfully put them in such form as your Excellency
may suggest. The return judges themselves were at
a loss what to do, after even Consulting Council. I
have also included the returns of Constables and
Supervisors of Roads, under the 26th Sec. of the 4th
Article of the Constitution, as that is very Comprehensive,
although I do not see myself the necessity of so doing,
but thought it the safest course.

I have the honor to subscribe
myself Your obedient Servant
Geo^d Nesbitt

State of Maryland
Executive Department
November 11th 1853

Geo^d Nesbitt Esq
Clerk of the Circuit Court
for Washington County:

Sir: By direction of the Governor I have the honor to ack-
nowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th instant
and to reply as follows.
The Governor had already considered

Recd.
Nov 11 1853
copy of
T. J. Welch
transmitting
his return

Ch. R. C.
H. Board Co.
about issuing
Commission
to Supervisors
&c.

J. P. Sum
with list
Ch. of Board
Co. concerning
issuing of
Commission
to Constables
& Supervisors