

Gauges go to the State twice every day to see if there is anything to do. You can see at once, Sir, that the time that would be wasted there, could be profitably employed in assisting other gauges on the busy district when the interests of the Merchants would suffer on those districts without such assistance. Often 2 or 3 of us at work at one time on a district to keep up the work at particular times - I feel indebted to you, Sir, for giving the information to me and at any time should there be a complaint, I am sure, Sir, I can give a satisfactory explanation.

I remain Your Very  
Obedient Servant  
C. H. Hanson

Note - For further Correspondence in Relation to the Complaint of Gregg Geo. (vide pages 469 to 474).

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W. H. Dallam Dear Sir:

As the Grand Jury of this County have presented to your Excellency, at my request, offered a reward of three hundred dollars) only for an assault with intent to commit a rape. I deem it my duty to apprise you of this fact so that you may withdraw said reward, if you shall think proper.

You will perceive that either the Magistrate and myself or the Grand Jury (misunderstood the statement of Miss Harding, or else she swore falsely, before the one or the other - At any rate I think it is better to withdraw the offer of reward as I have lately understood that Rigdon intends to give himself up.

Very respectfully,  
W. H. Dallam

States Atty. Gen. Cy

State of Maryland  
Executive Department  
Annapolis, Md. December 14<sup>th</sup> 1853

W. H. Dallam  
States Attorney for Maryland County

Sir:  
By direction of the Governor

Secy of State  
to Mr. Dallam  
concerning  
withdrawal  
of reward  
off. for  
Rigdon's  
arrest