

situated on Mulberry Street in the City of Baltimore is held by its present occupants and also what interest if any the State has therein and that he report the result of his investigation to the House

(Signed)

By Order
Wm. Stewart clk

Chas. Cox Esq Secy

I received this morning yr. Communication of the 12th inst. enclosing copy of an order of the House of Delegates in reference to the tenure by which the building known as the Collegiate Department of the University of Maryland is held; & desiring to know whether I have not certain information on that subject which may enable the Governor to comply with the order of the House.

It will give me great pleasure to communicate to the Governor all the knowledge I have in that matter & I think it will be found to answer satisfactorily the inquiry made by the House. But as it will necessarily take some time to prepare such a statement as may be required and as I am now than usually occupied with urgent business I shall with the Governor's permission, delay for some days a formal reply to yr. Communication on his behalf

I am Dear Sir,

Yrs
Wm. F. Eric

Baltimore, No. 7 Marshall's Buildings
Feb 16th 1854

State of Maryland

Executive Department

Annapolis, February 20th 1854

E. Stone Esq

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that the Governor has assigned you together with Robert Ford Esq as Counsel on the part of the State to aid George P. King Esq, Dist. Attorney for St. Mary's County, in the prosecution of Nelson Bryan & Joseph Lawrence two free negroes now under indictment in the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County for Murder.

You will please inform this Department whether you accept or decline the trust.

Respy, Or. O. S. Secy

Nathaniel Cox

Secy of State

Note. A similar letter (mutatis mutandis) was sent and read by Mr. Ford Esq

It had accepted apl. w/for letter dated March 1st 1854