

Apr. 13th 1854.
Hon. John Nelson was this day notified that the Governor had assigned him as counsel on the part of the State in the case of the State vs Syles under indictment in the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel Co. for the murder of Mrs. M. Gurno.

Appointment declined April 14th 1854 - (See letter on file)

Apr. 19th 1854
Henry M. Murray was this day notified of his appointment in the case of State vs Syles in the place of Hon. John Nelson - declined.

Appointment accepted as per letter of 20th April 1854 - on file.

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
Annapolis May 10th 1854

His Excellency
The Governor
W. D. C.

There has been much complaint on the part of Agents of Foreign Insurance Companies "carrying on business in the City of Baltimore under licenses issued in pursuance of Chapter 307 of 1846, that other persons, who refuse to take out license, are conducting similar agencies in open violation of law.

There is no one in Baltimore, who is willing however, to investigate the matter without compensation, and as I have no power to employ such persons to ferret out and bring to punishment the violators of this revenue law, I deem it proper to bring it to your notice, and to suggest that I should send one of the Clerks in this office to Baltimore to examine & take proper steps in this matter. It would be necessary that his expenses should be paid, and it seems to me a proper suggestion that his reasonable expenses should be paid out of the Executive Contingent Fund under your control. This is however, a subject for your sole judgment which I have thought proper to be brought to your attention.

I have the honor to be
With high respect
Yours Obedient Servant
Wm. Pinkney Whyte
Comptroller -