

State of Maryland  
Office of the Secretary of State  
Annapolis Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1853

Sir: I have the honor to inform you that the Governor has assigned you as Counsel on the part of the State to aid the State Attorney for Caroline County in the prosecution of such persons as may be taken & indicted you a participation either as principals or accessories in the outrage recently perpetrated in that County in which the prison of the County was invaded broken open & a prisoner confined there violently taken therefrom & brutally murdered.

You will please notify this Department whether you accept or decline.

Very Respy  
Wm. Ott. Secy  
Cathaniel Cox  
Secretary of State

J. L. Martin Esq.

Note. App<sup>t</sup> accepted March 26<sup>th</sup> 1853 as per letter on file.

To His Excellency  
J. Watkins Logan  
Governor of Maryland

There was committed in Carroll County a robbery by Samuel Rowe George Hoape Elias V. Parrish & George Otto, who are now under arrest of the most gross character, in the night upon Peter Otto and in his absence & in the presence of Miss Otto to the great terror & alarm of said family. The people of that County feel a deep interest in the speedy prosecution of those cases requires and from the interest of said people & the amount of legal talent engaged for the defense to beg your Excellency to send one such aid in the trial of those prosecutions as the emergency may require for the faithful execution of the laws & the demands of society. Mr. Joseph M. Palmer of Frederick is now in Postmaster and under whose advice two of the arrests were made and who is in possession of all the facts in the cases. Your Excellency will greatly aid me by sending an gentleman and remain

Very Most Humbly & obliged Servant  
Daniel L. Hoover  
State Attorney for Carroll County