

State of Maryland
Executive Department
Annapolis March 31st 1855

Daniel L. Hoover
State Atty for Carroll Co.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 30th inst. is received requesting me to assign Assistant Counsel for the State in the case of an Indictment for Robbery vs. David Rowe, George Hape & others, committed upon the premises of Peter Otto.

I regret that I do not feel myself at liberty to comply with your request. To assign Counsel for the State in cases of that character would be attended with vast expense to the State & would under the attending circumstances and of an extraordinary character be in conflict with the meaning and intent of the Constitutional grant on this subject.

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Office of Secretary of State
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Sir:

The Governor desires me to say that he forwarded you by this afternoon's mail a reply to your letter, bearing no date, in regard to the appointment of Counsel to aid you in the prosecution of Rowe, Hape & others charged with the crime of Robbery committed in Carroll County upon the premises of Peter Otto, declining to make such appointment. He has since however been waited upon by Mr. Felix J. Howell who brought a petition requesting that Mr. Joseph M. Palmer should be assigned Assistant Counsel for the State & after having heard the aggravated circumstances of the robbery, not detailed in your communication, he has directed me to notify Mr. Palmer of his determination to appoint him as requested.

I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully

W. W. Sewell

Jas. Howell

Acting Secretary of State