

State of Maryland
Office of the Secretary of State
Annapolis March 31st 1855

Joseph M. Palmer Esq

Sir: I have the honor to inform you that the Governor has assigned you as counsel to aid in the prosecution of Howe, Kape, Parrish & others who stand charged with a robbery committed in Carroll County upon the premises of Peter Otto. You will please notify this Department whether you accept or decline.

Very Respectfully
Wm. O. Sewell
Jas. R. Sewell
Acting Secy. of State

Recd. Apr. 2^o 1855

Elkton March 26th 1855

To His Excellency
J. Matthews Esq

Dear Sir:

In consequence of the access to this place from the different Cities it is deemed prudent to have a strong guard on the day of the execution of Robert Swift, as there is no force here that is disciplined. I suggest the propriety of your Honor's ordering about two military Companies from Baltimore on that occasion, if this request meets your approbation please let me hear from you as soon as possible.

Yours Obedient Servt
R. M. Walmesley, Sheriff.

State of Maryland
Executive Department
Annapolis March 30th 1855

R. M. Walmesley
Sheriff of Cecil Co

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 26th inst in which you state in consequence of the easy access to Elkton from the large Cities, & of the crowd that will probably be present at the execution of Robert Swift, you deem it advisable to request that a strong guard may be upon the ground & that two Military Companies be ordered from Baltimore to attend upon that occasion.

In the absence of any well grounded reasons for believing that any serious riot or disturbance is meditated, I have not been able to satisfy myself of the necessity