

Your favor of the 1st is at hand, informing me of my appointment by the Governor to represent the State in certain cases pending in the Court of Appeals

This is to notify you that I hereby accept of the appointment

I am your obt servant
Milton Whitney

State of Maryland
Executive Department
Annapolis 10th March 1858

To Mrs Ann E. Smoot

Madam

The General Assembly of this State by the Joint Resolutions which are enclosed, have expressed their sense of the great injustice done to your deceased husband, Captain Joseph Smoot, late of the United States Navy, by the action of the Government of the United States under the "Act to promote the efficiency of the Navy"; and have requested me to present to his son Algemon Sydney Smoot, the sword returned by you, and which had been given to your husband by his Native State of Maryland in token of his services to the Country.

In thus complying with the request of the Legislature, I may be permitted to express my sincere regret at this action of the Government of the United States which requires this just reparation, and which was, in great measure, the cause of your affliction.

I commit to your keeping the sword which your husband deserved so well, and which I now present to your son, Algemon Sydney Smoot, with the injunction that when he shall grow to manhood, he use it in the way in which it was won.

I have the honor to be

Madam

Your obedient servant
Thomas H. Hicks

State of Maryland
By the Senate
March 4th 1858.

Whereas, it appears by the memorial of Mrs Ann E. Smoot, widow of the late Captain Joseph Smoot of the United States Navy, that the deceased felt himself aggrieved by the action of the Government of the United States under the Act Entitled, "an Act to promote the efficiency of the Navy; and that while suffering under what he conceived to be the wrong and injustice done him, he departed this life in sadness and sorrow; and feeling on her part that it would not be proper under the