State of Maryland
Executive Department
Annapolis Nov. 10th 1858

To John Bosley of Jn
Joshua T. Cockey and
Elisha Johnson of Baltimore County Esquires.
Gentlemen:

The President and Directors of the Yohany's Valley and Towsontown Turnpike Company incorporated Jan Sess. 1856 Chap 24 have by a memorial addressed to me notified me that they have perfected the said road for a distance of two and a half miles and that said portion is ready for inspection by Inspectors to be appointed by the Governor according to the provisions of the 13th Sect of said Act: and have asked me to appoint three skillfull and judicious persons to examine and inspect said portion so that upon their Report I may be enabled to act as the law requires.

I have therefore nominated and appointed you to inspect and examine said Road so far as completed and I request that you will at once proceed together to discharge this duty and report to me so soon as you have satisfied yourselves of its condition

By the Governor   Th. H Hicks
    E P Partridge
    Sec of State.

Bel Air Nov 9th 1858

Hon. Thos H. Hicks
    Dear Sir
        There are for trial at the present term of the Circuit Court for Harford County an unusual number of persons charged with high crimes, the most of whom are not citizens of this county but desperadoes from other counties, other States and other nations who have committed crimes here. There are no less than four indictments for murder now pending and none of the parties charged with that offence are citizens of this County—

Under these circumstances I conceive it to be not only right but my duty to request your Excellency to appoint some one to assist me in the prosecution of some of these cases, and I therefore hope your Excellency will appoint some competent lawyer to assist in the prosecution of John Montgomery and John Bennet now under indictment here for the murder of Jacob Nichols on the 20th of October last &c. I respectfully suggest the appointment of the Hon E. H. Webster.

I am aware that the Court could and would appoint me an Assistant if I were to to ask it