

Sir

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that he has appointed you to be the Counsel for the State of Maryland in the matter of Emanuel Meyers, a citizen of this State who has been indicted in Cumberland County in Pennsylvania for the crime of Kidnapping; and who is to be tried therefor at Carlisle on the 14th of November.

The proceeding upon which the indictment is based and the circumstances of the arrest of Meyers by a fraudulent device or conspiracy in which the Sheriff of Cumberland County in Pennsylvania was a party, render it proper in the opinion of the Governor, that this State should be represented by Counsel also, at that trial.

William H. Miller Esquire of Carlisle the Counsel of Meyers has been informed of your appointment, and he has been requested to confer with you in regard to any assistance he may think it advisable to have to protect the rights of a citizen of the State under the circumstances of this case.

From the documents relating to this matter which will be laid before you, you will see that the gravest questions affecting the Constitutional rights of our citizens arise under the proceeding, and the Governor desires you to defend the rights and interests of the State and her citizens therein.

You will be good enough to inform me if you accept the appointment.

I have the honor to be
Your obedient servant
James R. Partridge
Secretary of State

Baltimore

October 28th 1859

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