

Your Excellency that such interposition on the part of the Executive of Pennsylvania would be a proper answer and sequel to the gross outrage which has been committed by the Sheriff of Cumberland County upon a citizen of Maryland; and the indignity offered to this State by that officer in procuring this arrest.

W. Partridge, the Secretary of State of this State, who will hand this Communication to your Excellency, will be able to make all such further statements and exhibit to your Excellency the affidavits and documents showing the circumstances and details of that unjustifiable proceeding.

I have the honor to be
Your Excellency's
Obedient Servant
Thos. A. Hicks

State of Maryland, to wit,

Whereas by the second section of the act passed at December Session A. D. 1818 Chapter 50, and by the fifteenth section of the act of December Session A. D. 1812, Chapter 78, the Governor is authorized (as soon as the president and managers of the Baltimore and Harford Turnpike Company shall have perfected the Road to the distance of five miles from the City of Baltimore, or the like distance progressively, and shall notify the same to the Governor) to nominate and appoint three skilful and judicious persons to view and examine the same and report to him in writing whether the said Road is so far executed in a masterly and workmanlike manner according to the true intent and meaning of said act.

And whereas the President of said Company has reported to me that the said Company have completed five miles more of Road on the route from Baltimore City to the town of Bel Air in Harford County, in the manner prescribed by the said acts of Assembly and their supplements, and which said five miles are additional to the fifteen miles on the said Route heretofore licensed,

Now therefore I Thomas A. Hicks, Governor of the State of Maryland, do hereby in virtue of the powers vested in me by the said acts of Assembly, appoint Sec. Amos and Oliver Amos of Harford County, and Jesse Garrett of Baltimore County, Esquires