

you to exert a renewed vigilance along the borders of your County, and to cause the arrest and detention of all knaves and dangerous persons who by their behaviour or sudden appearance in armed bodies, or in companies, whose numbers or mode of travelling may justify the suspicion that they are engaged in unlawful proceedings, and in my wish and direction that upon receipt of this you will in addition to your former dispositions make such provision by calling to your aid the good and lawful men of your County in that part opposite to Harper's Ferry, in numbers sufficient to resist and prevent all suspicious or unlawful assemblage there, especially upon the days immediately preceding and following, as on the day appointed for the execution of the criminal Brown.

In the event of any actual outbreak, or the appearance of such numbers as may render it necessary, you will of course call to your aid the military who may be within reach, and the commanding officers of which are already aware of my wishes and orders.

I am Sir

Your obedient servant
Thomas H. Hicks
Gov. of Maryland

State of Maryland

Executive Department

Annapolis Dec. 19th 1859.

To Hon. Reverend Johnson Esq.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that the Governor has assigned you to be of Counsel for the State in the case of the State of Maryland vs. Robert Dobbin & Charles C. Fulton for Libel in the Criminal Court of Baltimore in connection with Coleman Gellott Esq.

You will be good enough to inform me whether you accept this appointment.

I am your obed. Servt.

R. D. Sellman

Private Secretary

Accepted see letter of acceptance in letter book