

Executive Chamber
Annapolis, February 8th 1860

To the House of Delegates.
Gentlemen,

I have been informed to day by a Committee of your House, that you have adopted an order reciting that, "whereas" it appears from the public press of the Country, that the Governor of Maryland has placed this State in a false position by presenting his congratulations to Mr. Burdett, of New Jersey, a black republican, upon his election to the distinguished position of Speaker of the House of Representatives, and directing a Committee, appointed by the Speaker, to inquire of the Governor whether his congratulations were presented at all, and, if so, whether privately or officially?"

I cannot admit the right of the House of Delegates to make such inquiry; and the respect which, in my opinion, ought to be observed by each department of the Government towards every other, precludes me from returning any answer to such a message, other than to acknowledge its receipt.
Thos. H. Hicks

State of Maryland

Executive Department
Annapolis, February 9th 1860

To Milton Whitney 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 Ann Maria Cornish vs the State, now pending in the Court of Appeals. You will be good enough to inform me whether you accept this appointment.

I am your obt servt
Geo M Jefferson
Private Secretary

accepted, see letter of acceptance in letter book

State of Maryland

Executive Chamber
Annapolis February 29th 1860

To the Governor of Mississippi
Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 20th inst.