

Annapolis

December 11th 1860

Nicholas Brewer Esq

Sir. I have the honor to inform you that the Governor has appointed you to be of Counsel for the State in the case of Thomas Hoffman vs State now pending in the Court of Appeals in writ of Error from the Circuit Court of Baltimore City.

Will you inform me whether you accept the appointment.

Respectfully,
Geo. W. Jefferson
Private Secretary

Annapolis

Dec. 17th 1860

Geo. W. Jefferson Esq
Secy to the Gov.

Dear Sir:

Please convey to His Excellency the Governor my sincere acknowledgments, and also my acceptance of the appointment of counsel for the State in the case of the State vs Hoffman.

Very Respect yours
N. Brewer, Jr.

Baltimore; December 28th 1860

His Excellency Thomas Holliday Hicks,
Governor of the State of Maryland,

Sir, The undersigned, Senators of Maryland, looking to the present disastrous condition of political affairs and sincerely desirous that the peace of the Country, the Union of the States, and the rights of the South, in the Union, shall be preserved and maintained, respectfully ask that your Excellency will, at the earliest practicable time, convene the Legislature of the State, in order that they may take such steps as shall to them seem most conducive to the interests of the people of Maryland, and a promotion of harmony between the two sections of the Country.

If we understand the position of your Excellency, in the different letters which you have written upon the subject, and which have been published, it is that, while opposed to secession for existing causes, and devotedly attached to the Union as the Palladium of our rights and liberties as a people, you are fully alive to the endangered condition of that Union, and are prepared to act whenever, in your judgment, the time for action shall arrive. You have stated that, in your course hitherto, you have had due regard to the action of the border States of the South, and were prepared to act with them in relation to the present crisis.

We think that a most important and solemn