

No 697 on the Docket. *Siue Tacias*, to forfeit Charter,
 very truly yours
 A. Atterling for
 State Attorney for
 Baltimore City

State of Maryland
 Executive Department
 Annapolis, February 11th 1861

To William Rice, 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 vs. Presidents, Managers, Co. of the Washington and Baltimore Turnpike Co, now pending in the Superior Court of Baltimore City on *Siue Tacias* to forfeit Charter, No 697 on the Docket, You will be good enough to inform me whether you accept this appointment.

I am your obt Serv^t
 George W. Jefferson
 Private Secretary

Police Department
 Office of the Marshal
 Baltimore, January 31st 1861

His Excellency
 Thomas B. Hicks
 Governor of Maryland

Dear Sir,

Mr Richard

Swann late Mayor of the City of Annapolis, and now attached to the Naval Academy there, called at my house yesterday where I was confined by sickness, with a letter addressed to you by some person in this City informing you that a conspiracy exists in Baltimore to take possession of the City of Annapolis & expel the public authorities therefrom by force unless you should provoke the Legislature previously to the 1st of February next or thereabouts.

This letter Mr Swann informed me was transmitted by you to the Commander of the U.S. Naval Academy, who had directed him to exhibit it to me & ask for information in regard to its subject matter.

The signature of the writer had been torn from the letter, & his name was withheld from me, as Mr Swann represented by your directions, which I presume must have been a misunderstanding.

From all the information which my official position places at my Command, I have no hesitation in expressing my conviction that the statement of your correspondent is a sheer and groundless fabrication,