

I will say, however, that I attach but little consequence to such reports, and while I have undoubted information that an attack on Washington was at one time contemplated I never had the slightest fear of its success, I do not, and have not feared that any effort would be made to take possession of Annapolis, but at the same time, prudence requires that neglect should not invite attack. I have never believed that any considerable number of the people of Baltimore were engaged in such enterprises, that city with comparatively few exceptions is loyal, I have the honor to be
 your obt. servt.
 Thomas H. Hicks

State of Maryland
 Executive Department
 Annapolis. Feby 25th 1861

To Richard J. Sittings, 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. President, Managers & Co., of the Washington and Baltimore Turnpike Co., now pending in the Superior Court for Baltimore City on *Hieri Facias* to forfeit Charter, No. 694 on the docket.

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

Appointment accepted by letter
 of the 26th February

I am your obt. servt.
 Geo. W. Jefferson
 Privy Secretary

State of Georgia

Whereas the people of Georgia in Convention assembled, having authorized the appointment of a Commission to the States of Delaware, Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina, Kentucky, Missouri, Maryland and Arkansas, to present to the Legislatures or Conventions or in the event neither shall be in session, to the Governors of said States the ordinance of Secession of Georgia, and to invite their Cooperation with her and other seceding States in the formation of a Southern Confederacy.

Be it therefore known, that I the President of said Convention do hereby appoint A. R. Wright as Commissioner to the State of Maryland with authority then and there to act in conformity to said resolution, in witness whereof I George W. Crawford have hereunto set my hand this 29th day of January A.D. 1861.

Geo. W. Crawford
 Secretary

George W. Crawford
 President