

State of Maryland.
Executive Department
Annapolis Oct 10th 1863

William Price Esq.

Dear Sir:

The Governor having been informed by the Judge of the Circuit Court for Frederick County that there are pending in that Court several cases against parties charged with Treason under the Statute of this State, and that the interests of the State require the employment of additional Counsel to assist in their prosecution, directs me to say that he has appointed you as additional Counsel on the part of the State in said cases, and requests that you will say at your earliest convenience whether you can accept that appointment.

A memorandum of the pending cases as furnished to the Governor is herewith enclosed, and it may be proper to say that they stand for trial at the approaching term of said Court.

Very Respectfully

Your obed. Servt.

Wm. B. Will, Secy. of State

Frederick 6th October 1863

My Dear Sir:

My Court will meet on Monday the 19th of the current month. I enclose you a list of cases standing for trial against parties charged with Treason under our Act of Assembly. No reliance can be placed in our Attorney for the State (he is an uncompromising rebel.) I have no lawyer at the Bar that will accept an appointment to prosecute. I therefore respectfully request you to appoint some gentleman to aid in the prosecution of these cases. The States interest will otherwise suffer.

Very Respectfully

M. Nelson

War Department
Provost Marshal General's Office
Washington D.C. Oct. 8th 1863

His Excellency, Maj. W. Bradford
Governor of Maryland
Annapolis, Md.

Sir:

Orders have this day been sent to the Boards of Enrollment in the first three Districts of the State of Maryland, directing that a Draft be made on those Districts for Two thousand seven hundred and eighty seven (2787), Two thousand two hundred and ninety eight (2298), and Two thousand nine hundred and thirty three (2933), men, respectively, of the first class.