

Fredricks October 20<sup>th</sup> 1863

To His Excellency  
A. W. Bradford Esq.

Sir:

I have been informed that your Excellency has appointed Counsel to assist in the prosecution of some criminal cases now pending in this County. I shall be obliged to you, and deem it a favor, if you will be pleased to inform me at whose instance such assistant Counsel has been appointed, and why you think "the public interest requires" such an appointment.

I have been elected States Attorney for Frederick County for two terms, and have been discharging the duties of that office for nearly eight years, and with perfect satisfaction to the people of the County. I would respectfully state that before making such an appointment, it would have been proper to confer with the Attorney for the State, who could have given you some information in regard to the cases which, perhaps, has not been communicated to you.

Had such a course been pursued, your action in the premises would not have been liable to the construction of impugning the integrity or ability of the undersigned.

An early reply will much oblige

Yours &c

John A. Lynch

State of Maryland

Executive Department

Annapolis October 23<sup>rd</sup> 1863

John A. Lynch Esq.

States Attorney for Frederick County

Sir:

In reply to your letter of 20<sup>th</sup> Inst. desiring to be informed at whose instance I have appointed additional Counsel to assist in the prosecution of certain criminal cases now pending in the Circuit Court of your County, and why I think the public interest requires such an appointment, I have only to say that such Counsel was so employed, at the particular request of the Judge of that Court, and I can not think that such a proceeding on my part is such an unusual one in this State in important criminal cases, as to authorize the inference you seem disposed to draw, that it is impugning the integrity or ability of the States Attorney.

Yours very Resp<sup>y</sup>

A. W. Bradford