

State of Maryland,
Executive Department
Annapolis Nov. 21st 1863

Isaac P. Cook Esq.
Register of Wills for Baltimore City
Dear Sir:

I have received to day your note of 19th Inst. and concurring with you in the propriety of appointing Counsel to protect the interests of the State in the question referred to, I have appointed William Price Esq. for that purpose and enclosed to him the copy of the Petition you sent me — I have also requested him to confer immediately with you on the subject.

Yours respectfully
A. W. Bradford

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Wm. Price Esq.
Dear Sir:

A note which I have just received from Isaac P. Cook Esq. the Register of Wills for Baltimore City apprises me that a question is pending before the Orphans Court of the City involving a matter of some interest to the State, in reference to the right to tax the commissions of Executors and Administrators allowed them in cases of Letters of Administration granted prior to the Act of 1860 ch. 163, — and although such Executors under the authority of that Act should renounce their claim to such commissions.

The Register suggests the propriety of employing Counsel on behalf of the State to argue this question before the proper tribunals; I concur in this suggestion and as the case will probably be soon brought up before the Orphans Court, I have appointed you Counsel to take it in charge on behalf of the State, and if you accept the appointment — of which you will please advise me — you had better confer at once with Mr. Cook the Register of Wills on the subject.

I enclose you a copy of a Petition he has filed in the Orphans Court, which will enable you the better to understand the character of the case and of the points involved

Yours very respectfully
A. W. Bradford