

patent and the seal of the United States to be hereunto affixed.  
Given under my hand at the City of Washington, the fifth day of November  
A. D. 1825, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the  
fifteenth  
By the President. J. M. Calhoun, Secretary of State. John Quincy Adams

Friday December 18 1825.  
His Excellency the Governor, having received from Major General  
William M. Donald, the proceedings of a Division Court Martial ordered to try  
the validity of the Commission granted to Sheppard Lee Kin as Brigadier General  
of the first Brigade of Artillery, approved thereof, and issued the following  
order to General M. Donald viz.

Dear Sir,  
Dividing Creek, Dec 9 1825  
In compliance with the request of Brigadier General M. Laughlin,  
(who reported to me that Brig. General Lee Kin had obtained a commission from  
the Executive of Maryland under false representations, and that he was ready and  
willing to substantiate the fact) I ordered a Division Court Martial to be held to  
try the validity of said Commission, the Court being organized passed the following  
resolution. Resolved that the Court Martial do, from until further orders, no  
change being submitted to the Court against any officer, and there being no issue  
before it to try.

Yours Spear Smith  
Brig. Genl. & President  
Therefore, be it known, that I do approve of the proceedings of said Court  
and hereby direct Brig. General Lee Kin to resume the command of the first Brigade  
of Artillery attached to the third division of the Militia of this State.  
Samuel Stevens  
Commanding Chief of the M. M.

Saturday December 23<sup>d</sup> 1825  
His Excellency the Governor, and the Honble Joseph Gabby appeared  
in the Council Chamber this day.

Saturday December 24 1825  
His Excellency the Governor, and the Honble Robert H. Archer and  
Joseph Gabby appeared in the Council Chamber this day.

Monday December 26 1825  
His Excellency the Governor, and the Honble Robert H. Archer, and  
Joseph Gabby appeared in the Council Chamber this day.

Tuesday December 27 1825  
His Excellency the Governor and the Honble Robert H. Archer and  
Joseph Gabby appeared in the Council Chamber this day.

Wednesday December 28 1825  
The Council met Present  
His Excellency Samuel Stevens, Governor, and