

January 13<sup>th</sup> 1847  
J.H. Math. The Governor this day refused to grant a *Molle Prosequi* (ingly) for the John A. Mattingly presented in St. Marys County Court at August Mollé Bros Term 1844 for forgery

rejected  
A. & B. The Governor this day transmitted the annual report of the A. R. Co. Annapolis & Elk Bridge Rail Road Company to the House of Delegates

January 15<sup>th</sup> 1847  
Order from The House of Delegates passed this day an order requesting the Governor to inform them whether the laws to alter the of Delegates Constitution passed at the last Session of the Legislature have been published by his order. Made the following reply

Message Executive Department  
January 18<sup>th</sup> 1847  
Gentlemen of the House of Delegates

The order passed by you on Friday last, that the Governor be requested to inform this House, whether the laws to alter the Constitution, passed at the last Session of the Legislature, have been published by his order, at least three months preceding the Election held in October last, was received by me on Saturday

By the phrasology of this order, I am not required to inform you, whether the laws referred to, were published, at least three months prior to the October Election; but whether they were published by my order

I am not aware of any provision of the Constitution, or of the existence of any law of the State, which authorizes, or directs the Governor to order the publication of the laws, or of any portion of them, and no law of the last Session has been published by my order

As I fully recognize the obligation which rests upon the Executive, to enforce the due observance of all the laws passed by the Legislature, and as the laws of the State are required by the 60<sup>th</sup> Article of the Constitution; by the Act of 1790, Ch. 57, and by other Acts, to be published & delivered, in the manner therein specified, I deem it to be my duty to inform you, that all the laws of December Session 1845, were published as required by that article of the Constitution, at least three months prior to the election held in October last, & delivered as required by the Acts of Assembly, which prescribe the manner of their delivery

As the order passed by you assumes it to be my duty, to order the publication of the laws therein referred to, I must most respectfully ask, that your Honorable Body will refer me to the provisions of the Constitution, or to the law, which imposes that obligation upon me

Thos G. Pratt