

June 20<sup>th</sup> 1851

✓ The Governor this day, upon the recommendation of the Pres<sup>d</sup>. Doct. W. S. Mayall and Hon. James M. McKeanan, pardoned John Kelly, convicted, in Baltimore City Court January term 1850, of Felony and sentenced to serve and labor in the Maryland Penitentiary, until the 20<sup>th</sup> of August 1851.

June 24<sup>th</sup> 1851

The Governor this day, remitted the interest, (excepting twenty dollars) due on the State taxes of 1845 & 1846, in favor of Wm<sup>th</sup>. Crawford (on application of his sureties) Collector for the said year, in the second Collection District of Howard District; also appointed & commissioned Arthur P. West Major & Geo. D. Brooke Adjt. 17<sup>th</sup> Regt. M. M. in Wilson & West promoted.

June 28<sup>th</sup> 1851

The Official Returns of the Election, held June 4<sup>th</sup> 1851, for and against the adoption of the New Constitution, having been received, the Governor issued the following Proclamation:

State of Maryland, to wit:

Whereas, pursuant to the provisions of an Act of the General Assembly of the Maryland, passed at the December Session thereof, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty nine, entitled, "An act to provide for the taking of the sense of the people upon the expediency of calling a Convention to frame a New Constitution and Form of Government for this State, and to provide for <sup>the election of</sup> delegates to said Convention, &c., delegates were elected, who assembled in Convention at the City of Annapolis, on the first Monday of November, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty; And Whereas, after much deliberation, the said Convention on the thirteenth day of May, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty one, did frame a Declaration of Rights and a Constitution and Form of Government, which, being properly attested by the proper Officers of said Convention, was published, and submitted to the people of Maryland for their consideration; And Whereas, pursuant to the provisions of the Act of Assembly aforesaid, an election was held on the fourth day of June instant, in the several Counties of this State and the City of Baltimore, to ascertain the Will of the people as to the adoption or rejection of the said Constitution and Form of Government; And Whereas, the returns of the number of ballots cast at said election for and against the New Constitution and Form of Government, and blank ballots have been examined and accurately counted by me, and it appears that a majority of the legal voters of this State are in favor of the adoption of the said Constitution and Form of Government;

Now Therefore, I, Enock Louis Lowe, Governor of the State of Maryland, in pursuance of the Authority vested in me by and in obedience to the requirements of the act of Assembly aforesaid, do, by this, my Proclamation, declare and make known, that the said Constitution and Form of Government so framed as aforesaid by the Convention of delegates aforesaid, has been adopted by a majority of the legal voters of this State, who voted on the fourth day of June instant, as aforesaid, and that in pursuance and by virtue of the tenth section of the tenth article of the said Constitution, the said Constitution and Form of Government shall go into operation on the fourth day of July next, and on and after said day shall supersede the present Constitution of this State.

Seal

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, at the City of Annapolis on this twenty eighth day of June in the Year of our Lord 1851

Edward M. Rice

By the Governor

Return Sec<sup>y</sup> of State

See Great Seal of the State of Maryland

E. Louis Lowe