

of another wife of his in this state on the 22nd of March last. He will be tried for the last crime in November next; and if acquitted will be desired to seek a grant as you may then direct to remain here. Some notice will be given to the proper authorities of Ohio of the result of his approaching trial so that he may not escape the eyes of justice.

Very Respectfully
Yr. obt. S^t
Francis Thomas

A copy of the following letter was sent to Richard St. Griffith, John Manning, Nicholas Dorsey and Joseph L. Wilson, inspectors of tobacco in the city of Baltimore.

" State Department
Annapolis, August 17th 1843.

Sir:

Of late there have been several applications to his Excellency the Governor, respecting the reception of tobacco at the warehouses in Baltimore. The dealers in western tobacco state, that it is the habit of the inspectors to give a preference to Maryland over other tobacco; and that cases have occurred when the inspectors refused to receive their tobacco when they could have conveniently done so.

The Governor directs me to say to you, that the law does not give any preference, and, that whatever kind of tobacco is first offered to you, must be received.

It is also said, that when the state warehouses are filled, you decline to purchase other buildings for the storage of western tobacco. Of this refusal on your part, the Governor does not find any cause to complain. You are to confine yourself strictly within the lines of your duty, as pointed out in the acts of assembly. It is no part of your duty, or that of the Executive, to provide warehouses without the authority of the legislature. If the laws concerning the inspection of tobacco are defective, because the legislature has made no proper provision for the unforseen influx of western tobacco, those who deal in that article are to wait until the legislature applies the remedy.

Very Respectfully
Yr. obt. S^t
Wm. Leland

" State Department
Annapolis, September 5th 1843.

Sir: Louis M. Lane

President of Baltimore & Ohio Rail Road Co.

Sir:

I am requested by Governor Thomas to inform you, that after mature reflection, he has concluded not to give his consent to a reduction of the fare on the Washington Rail Road, as suggested in your communication of the 2nd ult.

It is not clear to him, that the act of assembly referred to was intended to clothe the executive of the state, with power to provide for the case to which you have called his attention. He is of opinion, that it was designed to