Annapolis. Jany 11th 1832.

Dear Sir,

Your's ~~[illegible]~~ of the 6th inst came to hand yesterday giving the melancholy information of Mr. Murphy's death, and of your intentions to apply for the office thereby vacated and asking my interference - the same mail also brought me a letter from Mr. Palmer of similar import & containing a like request in his favor - placed in this situation and believing that no recommendations of mine would influence the appointment either primarily or alternately, I have determined to designate no preference, but will hand in a recommendation in which I will honestly & conscientiously state the pretensions of both - for I have no hesitation in saying you both have claims & qualifications, which must go to exclusion of all others - Gov.r Howard is down with the Gout in Balto and probably will not be here before next week - this was the day he named to qualify - none of the Council have yet arrived - Many kind inquiries are made by your old acquaintances, they do not seem willing to excuse you for not being a candidate - Many things concur to remind me of our intimate associations last winter, particularly when I go into our old rooms - I am alone as yet in Mr. Harrison's room - we are entirely at a loss to account for Col. Emory's

Letter
Thos Bruce
Jany 11. 1832

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