December Term 1851.

State of Maryland, Sct.

At a Court of Appeals of the State of Maryland begun and held for the said State at the City of Annapolis on the first Monday in December being the first day of the said month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty one and in the year of the Independence of the United States of America the seventy sixth.

Present, The Honorable, John L. LeGrand, Chief Justice.
John B. Eccleston,
William H. Tuck,
John Thomson Mason,
Associate Justices

Richard W. Gill, Clerk.

The Court adopted the seal of the late Court of Appeals as the seal of this Court.

Reverdy J. Wells, was temporarily appointed Crier.

The Court announced that in consequence of the absence of Counsel, who it is presumed are engaged in the different Circuit Courts, the Court adjourned until the last Tuesday in December, the 30th instant, at which time the docket will be taken up and proceeded with in the order in which the cases are numbered - the rule assigning the cases from the upper counties for argument immediately after the recess being for the present suspended

A motion was also made to modify the rule in relation to the argument of counsel, so as to limit each speech to two hours in length, and to require counsel to refer in his statement to every authority intended to be relied on in his argument - Final action upon this amended rule was deferred till the re-assembling of the Court.

"Ordered this 30th day of December 1851 by the Court that all the Members of the Bar of the late Court of Appeals be and they are hereby declared entitled to become members of the Bar of this Court of Appeals on taking the necessary oaths and signing the "Test".

On motion of the Hon. Thomas G. Pratt, Dennis Leland, 3d. and James Mackubin, Esquires were admitted as Attorneys of this Court.

R. J. Brent, filed in Court his appointment as Counsel in all cases now upon the Docket in the Court of Appeals where the State of Maryland is a party, which is as follows to wit:

State Department
Annapolis January 2d. 1852.

Hon. Robert J. Brent, Attorney General, Dear Sir:

As the office of Attorney General will expire, by limitation, under the Constitution on Monday the 5th Inst. you are, by direction of the Governor hereby notified that you are appointed Counsel from and after said day to argue all cases, now before the Court of Appeals, to which the State of Maryland, is a party.

Very Respectfully, your obt. servt.
Thos. H. O'Neale, Secty of State.