

and imprisonment, but would reduce to writing the reasons under which he had acted, and forward them, with the proceedings, to the President, so that the latter might discharge his constitutional duty to "take care that the laws are faithfully executed."

That opinion will always be remembered, and, in the words of the biographer of the Chief Justice, "will command the admiration and gratitude of every lover of constitutional liberty so long as our institutions shall endure." The action of that venerable man was as brave as was that of England's steel-gloved barons when they wrested Magna Charta from King John under the branching oaks of Runnymede.

There were still stirring events to follow in Maryland, but they do not directly belong to this history, and so the reader must now follow the fortunes of the Maryland Line.

