The following is Filed and Recorded this 21st day of May A.D. 1917, by Order of the Circuit Court for Talbot County, for preservation, and is enrolled as follows, to-wit:

Letter pertaining to the arrest of Judge Richard Bennett Carmichael, written by Col. Samuel Hamilton and James Lloyd Martin to Hon. James A. Pearce (the father of Judge James Alfred Pearce) at the time of the arrest.

To the Honorable Jas. A. Pearce:

At the request of Messrs Rose and Thompson, under your suggestion, I make the following Statement of the facts attending the arrest of Judge Carmichael.

The Court was in session, with a Jury empannelled and about half way through with evidence in the Cause before them, when Deputy Marshall McPhail with four assistants and four Military Officers, at abut 1 o'clock P.M., entered the Court room, Mr. McPhail went up to the Judge and informed him he arrested him. Judge Carmichael asked "by what authority?" Mr McPhail replied "by authority of the United States." Judge C. then asked "for what do you arrest me". Mr McPhail replied "that will be made known to you hereafter or at the proper time." Judge C. replied "you have no authority to interrupt the proceedings of this Court." Judge C. then saw one of the deputy Marshalls or police below immediately in front of him with his hat on. He at once twice ordered him to take off his hat in that Court. He at once twice ordered him to take off his hat in that Court. Mr McPhail then placed his own hat which up to that time he had held in his hand upon his own head and said "There is no longer a Court here". Judge C. replied "You are mistaken Sir." and called for the Sheriff. Mr McPhail then pronounced the Court adjourned. Judge C. was informed the Sheriff was not in Court, - he then said "Crier call the Sheriff at the door". The Crier started to do so, but was stopped by one of the deputy police; he

he however afterwards called the Sheriff at the window of the Court room and whilst returning into Court was again seized by this same deputy and choked and told if he interrupted further in what was going on there he (the deputy) would blow out his brains. This same deputy had meantime drawn his revolver and standing in front of the Judge, called out to McPhail saying "Marshall do you order me to take him off the Bench." "I do said McPhail." Instantly this Officer with his revolver drawn rushed on Judge Carmichael and seized him by the breast of his coat. The other Officers closed in also. I could not then see Judge Carmichael, but could see they were surging and pulling at him. I saw three pistols snapped at him in the scuffle. In dragging him from his seat the person of the Judge was again concealed from me for some short time. I saw however the Officers in front of him striking at him with the barrels of the revolvers. In a short time the Judge covered with blood was dragged from his seat and platform. I soon after left the Court room. Several Citizens meantime had been struck with the barrels of the revolvers by the deputies above named. I saw no Citizen display a weapon of any sort or offer the least shadow of opposition or resistance. It was a very rainy day and very few people in attendance on Court and most of those not immediately engaged in the pending trial were at dinner at the time.

I have made the above hasty statement, but am sure in the material points it is correct.

May 29th 1862 (signed) Sam. Hambleton.

I concur in the above statements of facts, being correct in all material points.

James L. Martin.

Note on Original by Judge Pearce: "While examining my fathers file of letters for the year 1862, I found on May 8th 1917 the written paper, which I am sending to Colonel Henry Holliday Jr, Deputy Clerk of the Circuit Court for Talbot County.

"James A. Pearce"

May 9th 1917."