

Council Chamber Nov 17. 1868

Sir

your letter of the 11th Nov with the Petition of Samuel Brown and the accompanying Documents were handed to me on 15th Inst by Mr Stephen all which ~~has been~~ carefully examined and duly considered together with such ~~partial~~ information as several Gentlemen from Baltimore have been pleased to give and altho it may be true that had the Grand Jury have examined all the Testimony on both sides, they might not have found the Bill, yet it is true that the Information given by his Council and his Friends ought also to be considered as *ex parte*, and that if an impartial trial cannot be had in Baltimore, as is alledged, the venue may be changed to an adjacent County where it may and that the Tribunal now to decide the case the Petit Jury has been, eulogized in all ages for its excellence and impartiality, and by us justly considered ~~as the~~ as the Palladium of our Liberties, where all Testimony may now be had, and that they will in Justice to the party charged as well as to the repose and protection of Society declare what ought to be done, and no doubt will if the Facts stated by him are true most certainly acquit him, but if on the contrary he shall be convicted of a crime of such atrocity he ought not to expect to escape that Punishment which the violated laws of his Country may inflict. With entire confidence that Justice may be done I have the honour to be with great Personal respect
Yr most obt^d Serv^t

John Scott Esquire

Robert Wright