

has been transmitted to me by His Excellency Daniel Rodney Governor of the  
same, and a copy is represented by the said Daniel Rodney that the same  
George Rice and David Rice were fled from the said State from Justice into  
the State of Maryland, and the said Daniel Rodney requires that in pursu-  
ance of the Constitution of the United States and the act of Congress entitled  
an act to suppress fugitives from justice, and persons escaping from the service  
of their Masters he demands of me that the said George Rice and David Rice  
be arrested and secured so that they may be returned up to Mr Thomas  
Allicott the agent appointed by the Executive of Delaware for that purpose.  
You are therefore requested to take the bodies of the said George Rice  
and David Rice if they shall be found in your Territory and them to be kept  
so that you may have them ready to be returned up to the said Thomas Allicott or any  
other agent that may be appointed by the Executive of Delaware to be removed  
to the said State that he may receive the same and return them to me and to you  
shall be returned up to the said Allicott or such other agent as you may  
deem proper to be sent to the said State of Delaware by the said Allicott through  
September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixteen.

By the Council  
Thomas M. Bland  
Governor of Virginia  
Richmond

From Thursday September the 19<sup>th</sup> to Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> we  
used the non-parade recess. Mr. Bland and James Sharp appeared on the  
Council room.

Monday October the 15<sup>th</sup>  
The Council met. Present Mr. Bland, Mr. Alexander G. Hay