

persons escaping from the service of their masters, demanded of me, the said Peter Rowell, Abel S. Norton and William B. Eddy as fugitives from justice, and that they be delivered up to John McLean and John Metzger of the City of Philadelphia, the Agents appointed to receive them and remove them to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. I have therefore thought proper to order and direct that you deliver the said Peter Rowell, Abel S. Norton and William B. Eddy to the said John McLean and John Metzger to be removed to the said Commonwealth of Pennsylvania - provided the said Peter Rowell, Abel S. Norton and William B. Eddy have not been committed to the said Jail for having violated any of the laws of this State and provided also that the said John McLean and John Metzger do first pay and discharge all costs of commitment - Given under my hand and the seal of the State of Maryland, this eighteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty two

By the Governor

Minian C. Kimbrey

Clerk of the Council

Samuel Sprigg

Sir

Washington January 18th 1822

I am favoured with your letter covering sundry papers relative to a small claim of the State against the United States - I find that the appropriation was made for \$527 and that the Account of the War Department acknowledges a debt of \$500 - can you account for the difference - There will be a necessity for a new appropriation, the former having gone to the surplus fund, which I will attend toward information you of when made, and of the manner of