

and are now going at large in the State of Maryland. The said Thomas M. Randolph  
 hath in pursuance of the Constitution of the United States and the Act of Congress entitled,  
 "An Act respecting Fugitives from justice and persons escaping from the service of their mas-  
 ters," demanded of me the said Joseph Johnson and Thomas Smith as Fugitives from Justice  
 and that they be delivered to William C. Ridgaway of Talbot County the Agent appointed  
 to receive them. You are therefore hereby commanded to take the bodies of the said Joseph  
 Johnson and Thomas Smith if they be found in your Parish and deliver them to the  
 said William C. Ridgaway to be removed to the Commonwealth of Virginia there to  
 answer the charges aforesaid and how you shall execute this writ you shall certify  
 me with all convenient dispatch. Given under my hand and the seal of the State  
 of Maryland this second day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
 and twenty two

By the Governor

Samuel Sprigg

Merian Pinkney Clerk of the Council

The State of Maryland to the Sheriff of Dorchester County, Greeting. Whereas  
 a certain Joseph Johnson and Thomas Smith of the County of Sussex in the State of  
 Delaware have been presented by the Grand Jury of King Georges County in the Common-  
 wealth of Virginia for kidnaping from the said Commonwealth sundry Negroes and their  
 licated copies of which Presentments have been transmitted to me by the Executive of  
 the Commonwealth of Virginia. And whereas it has been represented to me by His Excellency  
 Thomas M. Randolph Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia that the said Joseph  
 Johnson and Thomas Smith have fled from the said Commonwealth from justice and  
 are now going at large in the State of Maryland. The said Thomas M. Randolph hath  
 in pursuance of the Constitution of the United States and the Act of Congress entitled,  
 "An Act respecting Fugitives from Justice, and persons escaping from the service