

Thursday December 22<sup>d</sup> 1836

The Council having been called to meet today Doctor William L Jones, member of the Council, was in the City but being indisposed, and in the absence of the other members here, did not appear in the Council Chamber.

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His Excellency Thomas M. Nease, Governor, and Doctor William L Jones, member of the Council, attended.

The following Demand, upon His Excellency Joseph Ritner, Governor of Pennsylvania, for the person therein named, as a fugitive from Justice, was signed upon the information and evidence therein mentioned viz.

To His Excellency Joseph Ritner, Governor of the State of Pennsylvania.

Whereas, Negroes Amos, Phill and Copey, stand charged by Indictments of the Grand Inquest of the State of Maryland for all that part of the County of Baltimore County, not included within the limits of the City of Baltimore with entering the House of Mrs Archibald Gittings, breaking open a Desk and feloniously Stealing, taking and carrying away Money to the amount of fifty dollars, in December 1829, and also with Stealing and feloniously taking away five Horses the property of Mrs Archibald Gittings, in December 1829, valued at two hundred dollars. And whereas, information has been received at the Executive Department of this State, that the said Negroes Amos, Phill and Copey, have fled from Justice, and taken refuge in Berks County, in the State of Pennsylvania. And it being important and highly necessary for the good of Society, that the perpetrators of such Offences should be brought to Justice, - Now therefore, I Thomas M. Nease, Governor of the State of Maryland, by Virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the United States do hereby Demand, the said Negroes Amos, Phill and Copey, as fugitives from <sup>the</sup> Justice of this State, and make known to your Excellency that I have appointed Edward Talbot, Gentleman, my agent to receive the said fugitives and bring them into this State having Jurisdiction of the Offences charged against them as aforesaid, that they may be brought to trial therefor.

In compliance with the requisitions of the Law, I herewith annex and produce to your Excellency Copies of the Indictments upon which this Demand is founded: which I certify are authentic.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, this twenty third day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty six, and of the Independence of the United States the sixty first.

By the Governor

Thos. Cullbreth Clerk of the Council.

Thos. M. Nease