

1839

June 28th

Demand of a fugitive

The Governor demanded from the Governor of Pennsylvania as a fugitive from justice negro Isaac Cummings in the following words

To His Excellency David R. Porter Governor of the State of Pennsylvania

Whereas negro Isaac Cummings stands charged by the affidavits of Philip McElung and John Lyons with having taken into the meat house of the said McElung in Harford County and stolen therefrom clean pieces of meat of the value of twenty one dollars. And whereas information has been received at the Executive Department of this State that the said negro Isaac Cummings hath fled from justice and taken refuge 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 William Gorton 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 request your Excellency because the said negro Isaac Cummings be apprehended as a fugitive from the justice of this State and make known to your Excellency that I have appointed John Keen my agent to receive the said fugitive and bring him into this State having jurisdiction of the offence charged against him as aforesaid, that he may be brought to trial therefor. In compliance with the requisitions of the Law, I herewith annex and produce to your Excellency, a copy of the affidavits upon which this demand is founded, which I certify is authentic.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland this twenty eighth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine and of the Independence of the United States the thirty third.

By the Governor

Cornelius W. Lean Secretary of State

signed

Wm Gorton

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also as a fugitive from justice negro Jack Kettle in the following words.

To His Excellency David R. Porter Governor of the State of Pennsylvania

Whereas negro Jack Kettle stands charged by the affidavit of John Steel with having stolen a horse the property of Wm H. Fitzhugh. And whereas information has been received at the Executive Department of this State that the said negro Jack Kettle hath fled from justice and taken refuge 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 William Gorton 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 request your Excellency because the said negro Jack Kettle be apprehended as a fugitive from the justice of this State and make known to your Excellency that I have appointed William H. Fitzhugh my agent to receive the said fugitive and bring him into this State having jurisdiction of the offence charged against him as aforesaid that he may be brought to trial therefor. In compliance with the requisitions of the Law I herewith annex and produce to your Excellency a copy of the affidavit upon which this demand is founded which I certify is authentic.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of