

In Council Annapolis July 9. 1799

Sir,

The loss and inconvenience which the Proprietors of Negroes in Maryland have experienced by the absconding of their Slaves into several of the United States, was a subject which occupied the attention of the Legislature of this State at its last Session, and a Resolution passed that Body a copy of which we now enclose you.

We shall be happy to communicate with you on the subject of that Resolution, and to adopt in concert with you some mode of effectuating the wishes of the Legislature.

The Governors of New Jersey,  
Pennsylvania and  
Delaware.

We are &c.

Ben: Ogle

In Council Annapolis July 12. 1799

Sir,

We have been in expectation of receiving a Recommendation of officers to command the Select Company of Militia to be attached to your Regiment. To save expence to the State in sending arms from Frederick Town to your Regiment, and not being certain that we have arms enough to supply all the Select Corps, we have thought it proper to order the arms now in possession of Captain Carey of your Regiment into your possession. We have enclosed an order on Captain Carey for those arms and also his Bond for their return which you will please to deliver to him on the receipt of seventy two stands of arms complete which he had of the State.

We are &c.

Colonel John Plater

Ben: Ogle