

we <sup>are</sup> not conceiv'd when Slaves have abandoned from  
residents of this State that the Courts of Delaware can  
take cognizance of any rights to freedom unless they are  
under some local inhibition that we are unacquainted with

Your representation concerning the hard and barbarous  
traffic carried by persons from Georgia and the  
Carolinās shall be duly communicated to the General  
Assembly. - Justice, humanity and every principle of  
virtue dictate the propriety of adopting such measures  
as will prevent the exercise of practices so extremely  
base and nefarious. We did hope that our Law had  
imposed a punishment on such conduct which  
would have restrained the most abandoned.

We are well convinced that the Legislature of this  
State will be happy to take those steps in concert  
with Delaware which may be deemed effectual and  
if during their recess we can in any manner cooperate  
beneficially with your Excellency it will give us  
much satisfaction

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His Excy The Governour of  
Delaware

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In Council Annapolis September 10 1799  
Sir.

Your Letter of the eighth instant has been  
received and we only refer you to the thirty third  
Section of the Militia Law where you will find the  
case provided for. No new Commission will issue  
from this Board.

we are &

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