

to him but confined to the said Representatives. It will be necessary that this should receive your approbation, & your sanction under the Resolution of the assembly - if you approve thereof, you will be pleased to direct that our Letter shall be forwarded to Mr. Pinney, with such instructions from yourself as you shall deem necessary. - With assurances of high & respectful

The President of the  
United States

consideration I have the honor to be

John F. Mercer

In Council Annapolis October 7 1803

Sir

Information has been received by the Executive of this State, that a certain Stephen Joy or Stephen Daley Joy as he calls himself, who was charged with having murdered a certain Robert Young in Prince Georges County in the State of Maryland sometime in the Year Eighteen hundred, is at present confined in Jail at Chambersburgh where he was committed by a Justice of the Peace on the oath of Mr. Samuel Ross, identifying his person. - In consequence of this Information we deem it advisable, in the name of the Executive authority of the State of Maryland, to demand of your Excellency the said Stephen Joy or Stephen Daley Joy as a fugitive from Justice, and that he be delivered to Mr. Samuel Scott who is appointed agent of the Executive authority of the State of Maryland to receive the said Stephen Joy and to remove him to this State.

We inclose for your Excellency's perusal, copies of the affidavits taken before the Justice of Peace at Chambersburgh, and also a copy of the Inquisition held over the Body of the aforesaid Robert Young, as the basis of this application. We have the honor to be, with high consideration and respect, your Excellency's Obedt. Servt.

His Excellency the Governor of  
Pennsylvania

John F. Mercer

In Council Annapolis October 17 1803

Sir

We have the honor to transmit to you a Certificate of the Action of the Representatives for this State in the Congress of the United States, to be delivered to the House of Representatives when they shall be assembled. We have the honor to be

The Honble James Madison  
Secretary of State

John F. Mercer