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Sir

I am directed by the Governor of Maryland to inform you
in reply to your letter of the 12th Instant that no account has ever
been kept between this state and any other state of the expenses of
fugitives from Justice that may be mutually demanded. The Agent
who comes to receive a fugitive demanded appears and is known
only as the agent of the state from which he is sent, and not as the
agent of any individual. The law of Congress directs that "all
costs or expenses incurred in the apprehending, securing, and trans-
mitting such fugitives to the state or territory making such demand
shall be paid by such state or territory." In practice as far as it is
known to this Department this payment has always been made by
the Agent when he receives the Prisoner. And with us, the Agent
has always either been furnished with money for that purpose, or has
been reimbursed, and paid for his trouble and expenses by order
of the Executive upon his return with the Prisoner. In this instance
as Mr. Loy was arrested and prosecuted in a court of this state
with out good ground, for stealing Negroes Robert, the

respects
Yours ob. Servt
Wm. P. Clerk of the Council