

Council Chamber Aug '20 1849

Sir

In the Record of the prosecution against David Norris, for the Murder of William Ayres, it appears that he was indicted, convicted and sentenced as being your slave. and in the affidavit you have made respecting him, which has been transmitted to this Department, you represent him as being a servant to you for a term of years - It is desirable to the Governor to know precisely his situation, that is, whether he is entitled to freedom after the expiration of his term of service with you - and if he is a slave whose property he is - The favour is requested of you to transmit to me particular information on this subject as soon as you can do it with convenience.

I am &c

Minian Pinkney

Mr Basil Williamson

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we will not fail to send you a copy