

Council Chamber Annapolis October

Sir

Your letter of the 17 of September ultimo, has been received at this department, requesting to be informed whether there is any law in existence in the State of Maryland, which deprives the widow of her dower if she removes slaves or other property out of Maryland where her husband lived and died without administering. The Governor is absent from the seat of Government, and will not return under a week or so. In the mean time, I feel myself warranted in saying that there is no such law as the one you allude to. His Excellency however will, <sup>doubtless</sup> do himself the <sup>pleasure</sup> ~~business~~ of communicating to you fully upon this subject on his return to Annapolis.

I have the honor to be  
with great respects  
your obed. Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Ninian Pritchey  
Clerk of the Council

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