

Council Chamber Annapolis June 30th 1819

Sir

Having received information that a certain Mitchell Be Allen charged with the murder of a certain Thomas Barnes sent in Charles County in the State of Maryland, has absconded and fled from the Justice of this State to the neighbourhood of Dumfries in the State of Virginia, the Executive Council of this State have advised and directed that a demand be made upon your Excellency for the delivery of the said Mitchell Be Allen as a fugitive from Justice I have therefore in the name and behalf of the Executive authority of this State to request that your Excellency will cause the said Mitchell Be Allen to be arrested and delivered up, agreeably to the Provisions of the act of Congress in such case. As soon as information shall be received of the arrest of the said Mitchell Be Allen, an agent, duly authorised, will be sent by the Executive of this State to receive and convey him to the custody of the proper officers of Justice within this State.

I herewith transmit to your Excellency the Evidence on which the above demand is founded.

I have the Honor to be
with much respect

your obedient Servant

Charles Goldsborough

His Excellency the Governor of Virginia

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Sir

The Executive Council of this State, at their meeting in June last, determined upon a consideration of the case of Jesse McCoy, that it would be advisable notwithstanding the Prosecution pending against him in Maryland to surrender him as a fugitive from Justice, to the demand of the Executive of Virginia, whenever such demand should be regularly made, and supported by the vouchers required by the law of the United States. The reasons of this determination were an apprehension, from the information received that he could not be convicted in this State of the offence with which he was charged, and feelings of humanity towards the unfortunate man, who has suffered very much, and whose health is understood to have been considerably impaired by his long confinement in Irons in a common Goal. of this determination of the Executive of this State the Lieutenant Governor of Virginia was informed by a communication from the