

department more than four weeks ago, and which was intended as a reply to his
Letter of the third of June last, making enquiry respecting McCoy and mentioning
that the governor of Virginia had made a demand of him and dispatched a messenger
to receive and transport him to your State. This demand, and the messenger
having never arrived, I conclude from your letter addressed to me, on the 20th of April
last, that the papers are in your possession. Under this supposition I have thought it
proper to apprise you also of the course the Council have deemed it advisable to pursue
in relation to McCoy and at the same time to intimate to you, that if the making
of the demand on the part of Virginia is delayed, the great sufferings and reported ill
health of this unhappy man in consequence of his long imprisonment, may make it my
duty, in common humanity, to set him at liberty, as you may not have the law of
the United States upon this subject by you, and as a disappointment in obtaining
the effect of the demand after incurring the expense and trouble of sending on for
would be much to be regretted. I beg leave to observe that the law in Question requires
the Demand of a fugitive from Justice to be supported by an authenticated copy
of the Indictment, or of an affidavit regularly made before a judicial officer,
and containing a direct charge of the crime imputed to the party demanded.

Col^o John Stewart

I am Sir,

Your obedient Servant

Charles Goldsborough

Council Chamber Annapolis August 6th 1819

Sir

I deem it respectful and proper to inform you that, in compliance
with the requisition of your Excellency's Letter of the 2nd Inst. I have this
day issued an order to the sheriff of Baltimore County for the delivery of
Johnson alias Williams, a fugitive from Justice, to your agent John
McMasters, to be conveyed under his care to the State of Pennsylvania
for trial.

I have the honor to be with the Highest respect,

His Excellency
William Findlay Governor of
Pennsylvania

Sir, your obedient Servant

Charles Goldsborough