

Council Chamber Annapolis December 4<sup>th</sup> 1819

Sir.)

In reply to your letter of the 4<sup>th</sup> of November (which was not received until my return from the Eastern Shore a few days ago) respecting one of the fugitives from the Penitentiary lately arrested in Boston, it is proper to observe, that if Martin should be convicted there, the purpose of punishment will be answered. If he should be acquitted there, the advisableness of incurring the Expence of bringing him back will depend on the nature of his offence here, and the length of time he has to serve, of neither of which circumstances you have apprised me. There are but two modes the Executive could adopt to get Martin brought back, if the reward offered by the Directors, which I understand to be 100 dollars, is insufficient; The one is to offer an additional reward, which rests with the Council. The other is to demand him of the Governor of Massachusetts. But it is doubtful whether this case comes within the law of Congress upon the subject of fugitives from Justice, altho I find upon our records an Instance or two of its being done. At any rate it would cost three or four hundred dollars, to get him brought back: and unless there is something particularly atrocious in his case, the consideration that he is in effect exiled from our State forever, makes it unimportant to us to regard him, and subject our Institution to the Expence of maintaining him. On the whole view of the subject, I have deemed it best not to interfere in the case at this time, but to leave it to the consideration of my successor.

I am,

Sir,

very respectfully,

Your obedient Servant,

Charles Goldborough

Charles Wergman Esquire  
Chairman of the Board of  
Directors of the Maryland Penitentiary