

In Council December The 7th 1821

Gentlemen

We have the honour to transmit to the general Assembly, the report of the Commissioners appointed, in virtue of a Resolution passed at Decemr Session 1818, to examine so much of the United States Turnpike Road as passes through Allegany County of this State - and also a Memorial from the inhabitants of the City of Washington praying that they may be permitted to sell, in the State of Maryland, tickets in any Lottery which has been, or hereafter may be authorized for Public purposes in the said City - or that they may be placed on the same footing with Lotteries authorized by the Laws of this State - and have the honour to be

Most respectfully

To the Hon^{ble} The President of the Senate and
The Hon^{ble} The Speaker of the House of Delegates

Your Obed^t Fellow Citizen

Samuel Spragg

Annapolis December the 15th 1821

Sir

TheBearer of this (Captain Adam Showers) has represented to me that he has been held in recognizance to appear in your State, under a heavy penalty, to answer a charge for kidnaping, which charge he disavows, and comes before your Excellency prepared to show his absolute right of property in and to the negro alledged to have been thus taken - Captain Showers is at this time a Member of the popular Branch of the General Assembly of Maryland, and representing one of the most populous and respectable Counties of this State - To you Sir this fact will I am sure afford the most ample testimony of his personal respectability and worthiness - If Captain Showers has erred in not complying with the ceremonies of your Laws in this search for his property, I am warranted in ascribing your Excellency that it has not proceeded from any intention to disrespect the authorities of Pennsylvania, but rather from inadvertency upon his part - Should your Excellency upon investigation find these intimation to be correct, I hope you will be pleased to grant to Captain Showers such immediate relief as the pressing and very unpleasant nature of his case may seem to you to require - I have the honour to assure your Excellency the assurances of the very high respect and consideration with which I remain your

Most obedient and very humble servant

To His Excellency Joseph Heister Esquire
Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Samuel Spragg