

Council Chamber Annapolis July 26 1825

Sir,

I am instructed by the Executive to inform you that upon full consideration of the representations and evidence that have been submitted to them in relation to Genl Matthew M Laughlin, ~~and~~ alleged removal from the City and County of Baltimore, they are of opinion that his removal ~~has~~ been changed

with great respect I remain

your ob. serv.

Wm. Culbreth Clerk

The above official letter was enclosed in the following un-official one. Viz

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Dear Sir,

Upon the unpleasant subject of contention relative to Genl M Laughlin, removal I received instruction from the Executive to send you the enclosed. Having some doubts in my mind as to the effect of the determination upon you rank, and no positive opinion having been expressed by the Executive, I feel it to be my duty to avoid that question, and with that view address you as A. C. L. Esq instead of using a military title. I enclose this explanation and do so to myself as to you.

Remain very respectfully

your ob. serv.

Wm. Culbreth

Sheppard C Leakin Esq
Baltimore

Sir,

State of Maryland

Council Chamber

Annapolis July 8 1825

I have the honor to transmit to your Excellency the within reporting and order of the County Court of Stafford County in the State of Virginia which have been transmitted to this department by Murray Forbes Esq and by which it appears highly probable that John Peters alias Cousins therein named and who is now confined in the Jail of the said County of Stafford is the person who some time past in Cecil County in this State committed a most horrible murder upon Miss Wilmers Cunningham of said County. I have therefore by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the United States, and the Act of Congress passed on the 15th day of February one thousand seven hundred and ninety three entitled "An Act respecting fugitives from Justice and persons escaping from the service of their Masters" to demand of your Excellency that the said John Peters alias Cousins be a fugitive from the Justice of