

of compliance, against the determination of the Executive Council of Virginia, of which neither the right is claimed, nor disposition felt to make any; but they are respectfully submitted in explanation of the views which governed the Executive of this State in making the demand which has been refused.

Allow me now to enquire, whether or not, it will fail in obtaining in this State such a deposition as you may deem sufficient to authorize compliance with the demand. There already taken in Virginia will answer, by having their authenticity certified by the Governor of this State. It is believed there can now be no difficulty, in His Excellency certifying since they are attested by your certificate under the Great Seal of the State of Virginia and it appears to me, that this will make the documents conform to the letter of the Law.

I have the honor to be
with great respects,
Yours
W. C. C. W. C. C.

His Excellency
Peter W. Daniel
Lieut. Gov. of Virginia
Richmond.

Council Chamber Aug 5 1825.

Dear Sir,

I regret being under the necessity of informing you that the Executive of Virginia have declined delivering up the man in Stafford Jail upon the ground of informality in the documents upon which the demand was made. Mr Thompson who accompanied Major Ranney returned last evening with a letter from the Lieutenant Governor explaining the reasons for refusing to comply with the demand. The Executive of Virginia (the Council being appointed and consulted) object to the documents, not because they are deemed insufficient to satisfy them of the propriety of the prisoners removed to this State for trial, but because they are not in strict conformity with the letter of the act of Congress, which requires that their authenticity should be certified by you.

They suggest that probably a deposition may be obtained in this State the authenticity of which you can certify, that will remove the difficulty. I know His Excellency's letter it seems that a deposition by any person made in this State that they suspect or believe is probable that the prisoner is the person who committed the murder, will answer. Not having time to copy the letter of His Excellency the Lieut. Governor without delay