

The same reason exists now that did a short time since for my not recommending him for the Majority - I am not satisfied of his fitness. No other direct allegation was made against you, and the recommendation with which the Executive was furnished in your favor in connexion with the seniority of your rank, induced them to give you the appointment.

Col. Matthews's letter in which he returned your criticisms and remonstrated against your appointment was received & considered some time before the last meeting of the Council. I forwarded it immediately upon its reception to His Excellency the Governor, who retained it until the late meeting of the Council, when it was submitted to them, and I received directions to transmit the criticisms directly to yourself.

Permit me to hope that the harmony of the Regiment may not be seriously affected by the late occurrences. Col. Matthews's objections to you so far as they have been directed to the Department are certainly not of an offensive character; and I trust that no insuperable difficulties exist to a good understanding between you.

Major James B. Middleton
New Post
Charles County.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully, yours &c. &c.
Wm. Cullbreth Capt

Council Chamber Annapolis, Aug 9 1835.

Dear Sir,

Last evening received from the Chief the deposition of George Stebbins, which upon the receipt of my letter he promptly attended to having taken, and which I presume will remove all objections by the Executive of Virginia to the delivery of the supposed fugitive from justice. I have therefore made out a new demand with such strict and literal compliance with the act of Congress, that it seems to me impossible, if the disposition to capture was felt by the Executive of Virginia, that they could take any exception to it. I do not however (notwithstanding my opinion of the un-substantive nature of the objections to the former demand) allege, believe or even suspect, any such disposition is felt. I refer the objections which were made to the almost universal principle of Virginia Statesmen, of restricting every power in Authority, to the very letter of the Law. A principle in which in the main I fully concur with them, and have always been a strenuous supporter and advocate of, but which I think they have for some time past shown a disposition to carry to too great an extreme - to the extreme of adhering to the letter against the spirit and defeat of the object.

To prevent delay, I have determined to send the