

Sir,

Council Chamber

December 9 1825

His Excellency the Governor being absent from the Seal of Government, at his residence on the Eastern Shore, I transmitted to him your letter of the 26th ultimo and accompanying document.

His Excellency has been pleased to order the publication of your Exequatur for the information and Government of the people of Maryland, and I have with return it to you.

Christian Mayer Esq
Consul General of
Württemberg
Baltimore

With the highest respect I have the honor to be, Sir, your ob. Serv^t

Jos. Calvert Clerk
of the Council

Dear Sir,

Dividing Creek

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In compliance with the request of Brig^{de} General McLaughlin (who reported to me that Brig^{de} General Leakin had obtained a commission from the Executive of Maryland under false representations, and that he was ready and willing to substantiate the fact) I ordered a Division Court Martial to be held to try the validity of the said commission, the Court being organized upon the following Resolution "Resolved that the Court Martial adjourn until further order, no charge being submitted to the Court against any officer, and there being no issues before it to try."

John Spear Smith
Brig^{de} General & President

Therefore, Sir, I know that I do approve of the proceedings of said Court, and hereby direct Brig^{de} General Leakin to resume the command of the 1st Brigade of Artillery, attached to the third Division of the Militia of the State.

Major Genl William McDonald
Commanding 3rd Division
Baltimore

Samuel Stevens
Commander in Chief
of the M. M.

Dear Sir,

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(Written at His Excellency's residence and copy furnished to you)

Some time past I had the honor of receiving from your Excellency a communication, officially demanding of me a Citizen of Maryland, by the name of Arnold Jacobs, who was charged with the offence of being by false pretences, a certain Vinory Sadler, a man of colour, and with taking him out of the State of Pennsylvania, contrary to the act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth, passed the 27 day of March 1820, relative to the kidnapping.

Having had some knowledge of the transaction from your Excellency's communication, and knowing Mr. Jacobs for a certain period