

to sustain an honor and not have it in his hands understood from the
been authorized that the said money should be given for life to said
said, I opened a correspondence with Mr. David W. Brown and Joseph
P. Brown, of the state of Massachusetts who objected to the prosecuting
attorney in Massachusetts and I had them fairly beaten down consistently
comply with your Excellency's demand but in reply to me they appeared
rather laboring and I am sure I should have raised up doubts.

I am myself ready and willing to comply with the official
authority of our state and I find the act of Pennsylvania relative
to kidnapping very strong. It has made no provision for a slave; but
in reflection after viewing the case as peculiarly hard I have thus
ventured to address you, desiring you had been apprised of the fact
that the negro who is held for life is subject to the control of his
master under the authority of our laws that our wisdom may have
made the demand and having in view in nature reflection withdraw
your official aid. I should have to be transported to Philadelphia
for trial if I will not have I know of money which he is not able to
dispose of and I do not see a prospect. Had he entered a free negro
from the state and sold him, I should rejoice to have heard of his suffering
the penalty of the law but as he was only conveying his property from the
state I am no doubt of the consequence of the transaction, I have a
concordly belief you would not wish of Citizens of this State to be put to
the hazard of a trial and incur heavy expense which he is not in
a situation to sustain and destroy the feelings of a tender and affectionate
wife and helpless children.

I have the honor to be yours
with sentiments of esteem
S. Peters

His Excellency
John Andrew Thayer
Governor of Pennsylvania
Warrenburg.

Council Chamber
Philadelphia Dec 14 1825.

By direction of His Excellency the Governor I had an order
my approval of the proceedings of the Com. Martin ordered to try the
validity of the commission granted by the Executive to Sheppard C
Leaker as Brigadier General of the 4th Brigade of Artillery attached
to the third Division of the Militia of Pennsylvania under your command.
You will perceive a slight alteration and some addition
to the original draft of His Excellency's communication, made by myself
which I have done in conformity with his instructions. I should have
made a fair copy and sent to His Excellency for his signature, but for the
anxiety and solitudes I understand is existing to be informed of his determination
on that account (rather than delay the communication) I send the
original draft &c. Sincerely hoping the several difficulties in your