

Commons Chamber

Annapolis January 10 1826

Dear Sir

The immense hopes entertained by the citizens of this State, by the absconding of their slaves and the great difficulties experienced in recovering them, have been deemed of sufficient importance to induce the Legislature to make a solemn appeal to the Government of those States in which the greatest portion of such fugitives are known to seek refuge, for their aid in arresting this growing evil. For this purpose the bearing Messrs. Stephen H. Channing Esquire, a member of the Senate, and Archibald Lee and Robert G. Goldsborough Esquires, members of the House of Delegates, have been appointed a Joint Committee to confer with the Legislature of Pennsylvania upon the measures best calculated to remedy the grievance so long existing and which I take your Excellency is so very properly, magnanimous and general concern to all holders of slaves.

With the fullest confidence that the Gentlemen deputed upon this interesting business will be received in the friendly and amicable spirit in which they have been appointed, and that, with the disposition, which no doubt is entertained that your Excellency as well as the Legislature of the State over which you preside, will feel to meet the views and accomplish the objects of their Mission, we cannot doubt of a successful issue.

With the highest consideration

Your Excellency

John Andrew Shelby
Governor of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg

We have the honor to be
your Excellency's most Obedt
S^r Robert

A Letter similar to the above with the proper alteration where the name of the State occurs, addressed to each of the Governors of Delaware and New Jersey respectively.

Commons Chamber

Annapolis January 12 1826

Dear Sir

I received by the mail of today yours of the 10th Instant, from Baltimore and immediately called on Mr. Johnson of the Senate, who pointed me to the Notes and Proceedings of 1822 of which I herewith send you a copy. You will find the leaves folded at the different places necessary to be referred to. Mr. Angus informs me that nothing further than what appears in the volume sent, took place on the subject at that time.

In haste. I remain most

Archibald Lee Esq
now at
Philadelphia

respectfully Your Obedt
S^r Robert