Council Chamber
Annapolis 15th 1827.

Sir,

By direction of His Excellency the Governor of this State, I enclose you a Proclamation which he has issued offering a reward of two hundred dollars for the arrest and delivery to the Sheriff of Frederick. And I am charged to say to you that he forbears at present to resort to the measure you suggest, both because he is desirous of retaining the negro if he can be found within the State, and because he has reason to believe that a satisfactory statement of the facts of the case will be laid before the Executive of Pennsylvania, and that the prosecution will not be pressed. His Excellency will therefore direct the Sheriff of Queen Anne County to withdraw the Warrant heretofore issued by him for that purpose. But His Excellency, while sensible of the conciliatory obligations, and the respect due to the constituted authorities of another State, has not considered the Message communicated as appearing to him most likely to promote the ends of Justice, and he will continue to adopt all proper exertions, for that purpose until successful.

I have the honor to be with great respect Your Excellency's Most Obd. & Hble Servt.

Wm. Gilbreth Clerk
the Council.

His Excellency
Joel Jones Esqr
Governor of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg.

Council Chamber
Annapolis May 7th 1827

Dear Sir

I have received your letter of the 14th Inst. and observed your suggestion for repealing the Law of this State, imposing a duty on the Tonnage of Vessels entering the Chesapeake Bay. I have been making enquiries on the subject, and find the Tonnage duty is collected at the rate of 6 cents per ton, the ton being 42 cubic feet, and the 42 cubic feet is ascertained by the admeasurement of the Vessel, which is done by a Sworn Officer appointed for the purpose, and who is under Bond for the faithful discharge of his duty. All Vessels, whether Foreign or Coasting, are obliged to pay this duty, and the Collectors are directed to receive no other Currency than the Legal Currency of the United States, or Bank Notes of the Banks of this State, which are equivalent to Specie. The Vessels of the United States are admeasured according to the Rule established by Law, and the Tonnage duty is collected accordingly. The Vessels of Pennsylvania are admeasured in the same manner as those of this State, and pay the same duty. I am not aware that any discrimination is made between the Vessels of the United States and those of Pennsylvania, but I will enquire into the subject, and if I find that any such discrimination exists, I will bring the subject before the Legislature early in the next Month, and submit to them the propriety of the repeal