

Please let me know what was your understanding, that if you direct the demand mentioned, or any other, I may apprise the agent what he is to expect. It has been usual for two persons to be employed with removal of fugitives; it has not, however, always been the case and I should not suppose it necessary for bringing one from Philadelphia.

I should be pleased for Mr Thompson to be employed on such occasions. He is worthy of all confidence; I have a large family, and really need any benefit to be derived from such incidental sources.

I find that Elanost is the proper name of the Gentleman for whom the sword is intended. He is a native of Dorchester County.

I will write to the other two Gentlemen, at once and apprise them of the receipt of the sword, and that you propose to present them on the 3^d Tuesday of next month. I think it probable that Lieut. Hays who is here can inform where Mr Elanost is. I will see him, and as soon as I ascertain where Mr El is I will address him also on the subject.

His Excellency
George Howard
Mayor
near Brown Tavern
S. C. County.

Remain with the highest
respect your Obedt. Servt.
H. G. Culbreth

Council Chamber
Annapolis August 27 1831.

Sir,

In virtue of a Resolution of the General Assembly passed at December Session 1829, a sword has been procured to be presented to you in testimony of the high honor of appreciation, ascertained by the Legislature of your native State, of your gallant conduct as a Lieutenant in the Marine Corps of the United States during the late war with Great Britain, and particularly in the two brilliant and well fought actions between the Constitution, on our side, and the respective frigates Guerriere & Java, on the other; both of which terminated in glorious victory.

His Excellency Governor Howard proposes to present you the sword, on the third Tuesday of next month, in the Council Chamber, if it will suit your convenience to receive it, at that time: when he also proposes to deliver other votes, at the same time with you, to Captains Gofingers and Lieutenant Elanost.

Yours Obedt. Servt.
Prince George County.

Very respectfully
your Obedt. Servt.
H. G. Culbreth.