

Council Chamber
Annapolis 27th May 1834

Sir,
Mr Raymond the prosecuting Attorney, several other members of the Frederick Bar and many other respectable Citizens of Frederick County, having united in a recommendation of John Bentzell to Executive Clemency, His Excellency Governor Thomas has granted the said Bentzell a full Pardon on account of passing a counterfeit note for which he stood indicted in Frederick County.

I remain very respectfully
your Obedient Servant
Thos. Culbreth

P.S. The Pardon was delivered to a friend and neighbour of Bentzell's who personally waited upon the Governor with the petition

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Sir,
Yours of the 27th Instant to His Excellency Governor Thomas with a letter from a Justice of the Peace of the State of Ohio giving information of the arrest and imprisonment of Peter J Dean upon a charge of murder alleged to have been committed in Washington County with the year 1822 has been received. I find upon examination that on the 23rd day of January 1822 a Proclamation was issued by the then Governor offering a reward of \$200 for the apprehension and delivery to the proper civil office of this State, of James Dean Jr a mulatto man, who was charged by a Jury of Inquest with the murder of Jacob Kenes in Washington County.

I expect the Governor here and through agents and as further information may be necessary for him to determine whether or not to demand the person arrested and imprisoned in Ohio, I have deemed it proper, at the same time to request of you such further information, if any, as you please or can conveniently procure in relation to the matter and particularly whether or not a presentment or indictment was found in Washington County against the person charged with the said murder, and if any such presentment or indictment was found, that you will procure and transmit a copy thereof, and also state whether the witness or witnesses upon whose testimony it was found are yet living, and within reach of the process of the Court or other testimony can be had sufficient to convict the party charged with the said murder.

The person arrested is called Peter J Dean, and the person proclaimed is James Dean Jr. It is altogether likely that the fugitive changed his name, and that will create no difficulty if the witnesses can identify his person. The letter from Ohio states that W Keedy who had Dean arrested was about to return to Washington County and probably from him satisfactory information as to identity of the person may be had.

Very respectfully
your Obedient Servant
Thos. Culbreth

P.S. The Law of Congress under which fugitives are demanded expressly requires that the demand be accompanied by an indictment, or deposition charging the party demanded with the offence.

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