

Council Chamber,
Cincinnati, June 27 1835

Dear Sir,

I yesterday received (after the Governor had left the City) from Col. Fitzhugh the original Inquisition of the Jury called to view the body of Jacob Kline in January 1822, which charges that the said Kline came to his death by the hands of James Dean said to be the same person lately arrested in Ohio upon the Testimony of John W. Keedy. I have transmitted the Inquisition and also your note and the note of the Ohio Attorney General to the Governor for his consideration and directions. It is referred to the Proclamation in 1822 offering a reward of \$200 for Dean I find that the reward is payable upon his delivery to the proper Civil Officers of this State. As Mr. Keedy, wife, I suppose claims and is entitled to the reward, upon compliance with its requisition, and as the expenses of getting the fugitive from Ohio to the custody of the Sheriff of Washington County, will probably take a large portion of the sum, it seems proper if Mr. Keedy is a Gentleman worthy of confidence that he should be appointed Agent to bring the fugitive to Justice. I think from what passed between the Governor and myself when he was here that he concurred in this ~~note~~ of the matter, and will appoint Mr. Keedy the agent, upon being satisfied that he is a suitable person.

I am somewhat in doubt whether the Inquisition of the Coroner's Jury is sufficient evidence to found a Demand upon whether it is an Indictment within the legal meaning of the act of Congress providing for reclaiming fugitives? If it is not, or if there is well founded doubt upon the subject a Deposition ought to be taken and made the foundation of the Demand. I shall write to Mr. Nathaniel Esq. the prosecuting Attorney at New Ark Ohio, and advise him that a Demand for Dean will be made with a little delay as possible.

I remain respectfully
Truly yours &c

H. Cullerth

Joseph J. Merriek Esq.
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Council Chamber
Cincinnati, June 9th 1834

Sir,

His Excellency Governor Thomas has received from William A. Fitzhugh Esquire Sheriff of Washington County in this State a communication from B. Emery Esq. Justice of the Peace of Licking County State of Ohio stating that he had committed to the Jail of said County the body of Peter J. Dean charged upon the oath of John W. Keedy with the murder of Jacob Kline in Washington County in this State in the year 1822, and also a note from you to Mr. Keedy in relation thereto.

I find by reference to the Executive Records of this State, that in January 1822 a Proclamation was issued offering a reward for the apprehension and delivery to the Sheriff of Washington County of James Dean for charged with the murder of Jacob Kline by the Inquisition of a Coroner's Jury. Sheriff Fitzhugh states that James Dean is the name by which Peter James Dean was usually called and known.

A Demand for the fugitive will be made and sent to the Governor of Ohio as soon as the evidence required by the act of Congress to authorize and sustain it can be procured.

Nathaniel Esq. Prosecuting Attorney
New Ark Ohio.

Very respectfully yours
H. Cullerth
The Executive Council