

a friendly State. Having received from his Excellency the necessary papers I went to the city of York in York County and presented the orders of his Excellency Governor Bates to the Honorable S. Parker President Judge of the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District of Pennsylvania and received in pursuance thereof a warrant directed to Adam Klunfiter Esq. Sheriff of York County commanding him to deliver the said fugitive to me. He being then in Prison the warrant was fully complied with on the part of the Sheriff - and I had then hoped that all difficulty was at an end, but I am sorry to say that as soon as the fugitive was placed in my confinement and I was prepared to leave the place - I was arrested on virtue of a warrant issued on the 20<sup>th</sup> of July 1839 by John A. Tolson a Justice of the Peace for York County. Charged on the oath of the said fugitive as a kidnapper and acting in violation of the laws of the Commonwealth. And held to bail in the sum of Five hundred dollars personally for my appearance before said Justice and also gave security in the same amount I was then provisionally detained by the said Justice Upon my complying with the recognition of appearance on the morning of the 21<sup>st</sup> of July he refusing to proceed in a hearing of my defence until the next day (which day being Sunday) when I was discharged upon the statement and request of Mr. H. Hurts Esq. Sep. Atty Gen. informing the said Justice of the fact that there was not a shadow of evidence against me -

I am happy however in being able to state that with some exceptions the Community of York considered the whole proceeding as unjustifiable and insulting, the outrage being instigated and carried out by the Justice and one or two others of that place as I think it likely could be shown in accordance with their views of the Abolition of Slavery and a desire to withstand & render the laws of their Country.

For such men there can be no excuse and such conduct should meet with exemplary punishment. And having been done by an officer of a State makes the outrage & insult both to the spirit of the Law and the rights and feelings of the Citizen more glaring and heinous. Such conduct calls for the highest and most marked denunciation and occurs in the light of an insult to this State and an infringement of the Liberty of its officer or citizen.

It appears to me that it behoves the Government of our State to take notice of this case so that in future a Citizen of Maryland may feel the high and proud satisfaction