

J. H. Fountain Esq.
Clerk of Caroline County Court

Annapolis

July 21st - 1845 -

Dr. Sir

I received on Saturday your favour of the 14th inst. - Under the Law it is the duty of the Levy Court - to fix the commission of the Collector of the State that it is plainly their duty to fix such a commission as will insure the services of a Collector - Under the decision of the Court of Appeals the Bonds of the Collector need not be stamped - Be pleased to send a copy of Mr. Barwick's bonds as soon as he executes it - & get him to execute it at once - Your prompt attention to this matter will be a service to the State which will be at all times acknowledged by
your obt. Serv^t -

Jos. G. Pratt

His Excellency
Chas. Smith Gov. of Delaware

State Department

July 23rd 1845 -

Sir

I received on Monday your requisition for the delivery to William Carell of two men Salisbury & Hanson accused of kidnaping & carrying from the State of Delaware a Negro man named William Wright - The affidavits which accompanied the requisition were not in my opinion sufficiently specific as I had the honor to inform you in my letter of the 21st inst. - Since your Agent left here additional affidavits have been furnished which have ^{removed} ~~removed~~ the doubts entertained by me & I have now the honor to transmit to you the necessary papers to enable your agent to take charge of the Persons mentioned in your requisition - They are in confinement at Elkton -

Respt. L. C. C.

Jos. G. Pratt

State Department

July 23rd 1845 -

To Samuel Jones Jr. Esq.
Pres. Balt. & Ohio R. Road

Sir

I have received your favour of the 22nd inst. requesting me to authorize the Baltimore & Ohio Rail Road Co. to extend the term to parties of not less than twenty in which the round trip ticket may be available to one week upon the Washington Road.

Will you do me the favour to refer me to the law which gives me the authority to act in such cases. Does not the law of the last Session which gives to the Company the power to reduce the price of tickets on that Road to \$1.50 repeal the preceding law which authorized the interference of the Gov. - It will afford me pleasure at all times to do whatever I have authority to do to advance the interest of the Co. & I will as soon as I receive your reply to this letter examine & act upon the subject.

Respt. L. C. C.

Jos. G. Pratt