

for the perpetrator of so heinous an offence as the one charged, I shall promptly aid your Excellency in vindicating the outraged laws of your honored State.

With this view, I shall proceed immediately to institute the necessary enquiries, the result of which shall be communicated to your Excellency with all convenient speed.

It can scarcely be necessary for me to assure your Excellency of the ardent desire, cherished by the people and the Government of Maryland, to cultivate the most friendly relations and intercourse with our Sister States of the Union, especially in these days of Common peril, when our beloved institutions are threatened by law-despising men, in every section of the land. And I sincerely hope that the course, which I have felt it to be my duty to adopt, in the present instance, will not be viewed, either by your Excellency or the patriotic people over whom you preside, as indicative of a want of that comity and good feeling on the part of Maryland, which should ever characterize the intercourse between members of this great Confederacy.

I have the honor to be, with distinguished Consideration, Your Excellency's Obedt. Servant.

E. Louis Lowe
Governor of Maryland.

State Department }
Annapolis, March 7th 1831 }

S. J. Mitchell Esq.
Sir,

From the Secy of State to Mitchell asking him to appoint an early day to meet the agent of the Gov to take testimony in his case. A requisition from the Governor of Pennsylvania, demanding your delivery up, as a fugitive from the justice of the former State, under a charge of kidnapping a certain negro boy named Joel Henry Thompson, was presented at this Department, in due form, on the first day of the present month.

After mature deliberation, the Governor of Maryland has decided to go behind the requisition, and enquire into the facts of the case, and, if the statement made by you, to him, some weeks ago, is sustained by competent proof, he will protect you, from the requisition.

He has already notified the Governor of Pennsylvania of his determination in this regard.

You will, accordingly, reply to this letter by return mail, and name an early day (not later if possible than the 15th day of the present month) on which you will be prepared, with your witnesses, to meet the agent, who will be sent for that purpose by his Excellency, at Elkton, in Cecil County, when and where, the necessary depositions will be taken, under the Supervision