

Supervision of the said agent.

The points to be proved in your defence, are 1<sup>st</sup> That you were not personally present in Pennsylvania, engaged, either as principal or accessory, in the enticement, seizure, or transportation out of said State, of the said negro boy, Joel Henry Thompson.

2<sup>nd</sup> That the said Joel Henry Thompson, was the child of a negro slave woman, your property, born of her whilst she was a fugitive.

The Governor requires, that you will occasion no unnecessary delay.

Respectfully, Yours &c  
 Tho<sup>s</sup> H. O'Real  
 Secretary of State.

March 12<sup>th</sup> 1851

Reply of  
 Mr Mitchell  
 to the  
 aforesaid

Dear Sir, I received yours of the 7<sup>th</sup> this morning and hasten to reply. I will be in Elkton at the time stipulated in your letter with sufficient evidence to justify my conduct.

Yours Respectfully,  
 J. J. Mitchell

State Department  
 Annapolis, March 13<sup>th</sup> 1851.

From the  
 Secy State  
 to Mitchell

J. J. Mitchell Esq, Sir,

Your letter of yesterday in reply to mine of the 7<sup>th</sup> inst<sup>s</sup> was received by the mail of this evening. You state that you will be in Elkton, at the time specified in my letter, with sufficient testimony to justify yourself.

Mr Edward M. Wise, the bearer of this, has been appointed by his Excellency, the Governor, special agent to superintend the taking of proof in the matter of the requisition of his Excellency, to take the the Governor of Pennsylvania, for your delivery as a fugitive from justice under the crime of Kidnapping.

I gave the points to be proved in my former letter, and therefore deem it unnecessary to recapitulate.

in his case.

(Very Respectfully), Yours &c  
 Tho<sup>s</sup> H. O'Real  
 Secy of State.