

State Department, Annapolis Md, March 20th 1851 ~

To His Excellency,
The Governor of Pennsylvania,

Sir,

I had the honor on the 5th inst^h to address your Excellency in relation to the case of J. S. Mitchell, who is charged by the Grand Jurors of Philadelphia City and County, with the crime of Kidnapping a certain boy, Joel Henry Thompson. In that note, I informed your Excellency of the position, Gov. of which I felt it to be my duty to assume. I also assured your Excellency that Penn^a Mr Mitchell would be required to sustain the statement, which he had previously declining made to me, (and which I have communicated to your Excellency,) by the evidence to be given by competent and credible witnesses, under oath.

Warrant Accordingly, on the 14th instant, I despatched a special messenger, to for the town of Elkton, in Cecil County, where the depositions of several competent and credible witnesses were taken, under his immediate supervision.

of Mr Mitchell. From the evidence, I am satisfied, 1st That Mr Mitchell, was not personally present, within the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, engaged in the capture or transportation of the mother and child, either as principal or accessory, in any manner whatever.

And 2nd That the boy Joel Henry Thompson, was the child of Mr Mitchell's slave woman Betsey, born during the period of her absconding.

In accordance, therefore, with the principles laid down in my note of the 5th inst^h, I must very respectfully decline to issue a Warrant for the apprehension of Mr Mitchell, under the requisition of your Excellency.

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

C. Louis Lowe.

State Department, Annapolis, March 24th 1851

Wm. C. Lehman Esq
Dear Sir

From the
Gov. to Mr

C. Lehman

in reply to

his letter

of the 17th inst^h

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I had the honor a few days since, to receive your letter of the 17th inst^h in relation to the Mitchell case.

You request me to send on to Philadelphia, the Commissioner, whom I had appointed to take testimony at Elkton, giving as your reason, that strong corroborative evidence could be furnished, which might be servicable in an effort to save Albert & Price from the consequences of their recent conviction.