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State Department, Annapolis, May 9th 1851

P. J. Brown (S.)

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of
from his your favor of the 8th inst. suggesting the propriety of entering a motion
Excellency to quash the Indictment found against J. T. Mitchell, on a charge
the Grade of Kidnapping, inasmuch as he was never within the limits of the
P. S. Penn. State of Pennsylvania &c. My official connection with the case
concerning Ceased, when I refused to entertain the requisition of the Governor of
the said State. Any further proceedings, which may be deemed advisable
offering for the personal convenience of Mr. Mitchell, must be instituted and
a motion to pursue by his own authority, and upon his own responsibility.
^{quash Indict.} If you wish to communicate with him, address to Elkton,
Mitchell, Cecil County, Maryland.

I am very Respectfully, Your Oft Servt.

E. Louis Lane.

Harrisburg May 5th 1851.

To His Excellency,

E. Louis Lane

Governor of the State of Maryland

Sir

Attn:

Richd.
McAllister
duty as a U. S. Commissioner and a friend of Southern rights to submit to
to the your candid consideration as the Chief Executive Officer of the State of Maryland.
Governor. It was my intention to visit you personally at Annapolis during the
concerning session of your convention but I ascertained that you were absent from
the capitol and for the next three weeks I will be so busy in Court
of that I must deny myself that pleasure. I must therefore content myself
with making my statement in writing as follows.

On the 8th of November 1850, Samuel Smith of Cometsburg, M^d
Snyder, presented powers of atty: from Capt^o Mobberly & Mullineux of New Market
under M^d. for your Fugitive Slaves, on same day I issued my Warrants to Solomon
and Sanders two officers appointed by me for the arrest of
the Slaves, on the 9th (Saturday) about dark Officers Snyder & Sanders
Kidnapping arrested four Negroes in the adjoining County of Lebanon, whom they
supposed to be the persons called for in their Warrants, and brought them
to a certain tavern (Kline's) in this County (Dauphin) and there upon
bringing them to the light and comparing the handbills &c they discovered
they had arrested not the slaves called for in their Warrants, but
the slaves of Charles W. Hood, Richard Mercer and Albert G. Marfield
of Carroll County, Maryland. Solomon Snyder, had handbills from
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