

to is a very able one, and I think will be satisfactory to the people of the South, and also to the mass of the people of this State who do not recognize the odious doctrine of a "higher law" than the Constitution of the Laws of the Country. The judge rebukes in the most pointed manner, the criminal conduct of all those who inculcate sentiments adverse to the performance of the obligations of the Constitution and the laws.

Mr Brent, I presume has furnish you with the opinion, and also with evidence given in the case. Although the trial has resulted in the acquittal of the prisoner, in consequence of the instruction of the Court, I nevertheless feel very sure that it will exercise a very wholesome influence on all classes of the Community here; and especially on that class which has been most forward to obstruct and hinder Masters coming here to reclaim their fugitive slaves. It will teach them that there is danger in their interference; and their humanity is not of so ardent a character as to induce them to incur either danger or cost in its exercise.

I cannot close this almost illegible scrawl, without making known to you the favorable impression which Mr Brent has made on our Community, both as a lawyer and a man.

It hardly becomes me to speak of the conduct of the case; but I only state the universal opinion, when I assure you, that the prosecution was managed, with at least as much ability as the Defence. Of the credit due in this respect I claim none personally; but I have thought it right to inform you what public opinion has determined in regard to the management of the cause.

If not too much mutilated by the Reporters, I will send you a copy of my argument of the cause, to the Court & Jury.

With sentiments of the most sincere regard,  
I am your friend & ob<sup>l</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
James Cooper

His Excellency  
C. Lewis Lowe,  
Governor &c &c.

Maryland Penitentiary  
Baltimore, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 1851.

From Secy to the Board of M<sup>rs</sup> Pen: to the Governor concerning  
To His Excellency, The Governor,  
Dear Sir: The Board of Directors of this Institution have directed me to inquire of your Excellency, whether you have recently had any correspondence with S. Myatt, respecting the right he claims to visit this Prison during the hours of labor, and to take from their labors thirty or forty of the Convicts, one and two hours at a time,  
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