

the affair

If the Comms were to proceed to Columbia, in the discharge of the duty assigned them. I would very leave respectfully, but urgently to press upon the consideration of your Excellency the great propriety in suspending your action (if any be contemplated) until the report of these Commissioners shall have been made to me. All unnecessary delay shall be avoided.

When fully possessed of the facts, which may be gathered on the commissions, it will then become the duty to confer with your Excellency, in pursuance of the instructions of the Legislature, as conveyed in the resolution referred to; a copy of which I have the honor to transmit for your perusal.

With great respect
Yr. Obedt Servt.
C. Louis Howe

Note - The Commissioners appointed by the Governor in pursuance of the Resolution above referred to (No. 10 of January session 1852) were James M. Buchanan and Theo Scott, Esquires.

State of Pennsylvania

Executive Department
Harrisburg May 20th 1852

His Excellency
C. Louis Howe
Governor of Maryland
Sir

Gov. of Penn?
in reply
stating
that he
will defer
action

On my arrival at the seat of Government to-day, I found on my desk your favor of the 8th instant enclosing a copy of a resolution adopted by the Legislature of your State in relation to the killing of Wm. Smith at Columbia Penn^a on the 29th ult. inst by Archibald Riegley of Baltimore. I also find on file in the Department, Official Papers asking a requisition upon your Excellency, for the surrender of said Riegley to be tried under the laws of this State, for this alleged homicide.

The evidence as now before me makes out a prima facie case of unlawful killing and I should, therefore, feel it my duty immediately to issue the requisition claimed, if it were not for the request contained in your letter to defer action until the Commissioners appointed in pursuance