

is, pass a declaratory Act, applying the second section of the Act of 1852 ch 68, to cases which may be removed into another Court, as well as to cases pending in the Court where they originated.

In conclusion I very confidently express the opinion that all the proceedings touching the removal of this exciting Cause to Washington County are strictly legal and warranted by law, as well as by the circumstances under which the faithful & able State Attorney for Allegheny County made the affidavit for removal. The public interests as well as the rights of the accused, require that this Case shall be tried at the March term of Washington County Court, & if possible that it may be tried without any pretext for Cavil or dispute about the power of the selected Judge to hold the Court.

Very respectfully,

Submitted by

Yours truly

Robert J. Brent

To His Excellency,
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New Ser.

I received your letter dated the 6th Inst. from Wm. S. Wilson this morning. The reason why my name was not affixed to the Card you referred to, was I was absent from Baltimore, had I had been in this place at the time I would have placed my name to the Card most cheerfully, the Charge which was made by Mr. Sackett was unfounded and he is now convinced of that fact himself.

Just now when the agents made such a fuss here about opening cages there was not a single colored being in the warehouse I occupy, but as soon as I received your communication upon the subject I took you, two of which I discharged the first day of Nov. the other two I discharged this morning, after having received your letter, my house is not the only one, in which negroes were detained until the first of November and if necessary I can produce you and sufficient evidence to prove this assertion, the house is at present worked by whites exclusively and shall be as long as I have, it under my control. I hope this will be satisfactory to you, I will also state that I am thoroughly convinced from experience of the former trial, that whites can perform the labour as well if not better than the blacks and with as little expense. Please say how that I am to be dis-

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