

sitter in the Circuit Court for Baltimore County in this State, in which you as Attorney General of Pennsylvania, and by the Authority of the Legislature of that State, appeared as counsel for the petitioner, I have informed me that the case was abandoned by the defendant upon an express understanding or agreement between the counsel on either side, that no criminal proceedings should be instituted against Thomas Drury, the agent of the alleged master appointed as I am informed, by power of attorney, who had brought the girl from Pennsylvania to this State believing her to be a fugitive slave. A requisition of the Governor of Pennsylvania for the apprehension and delivery of Thomas Drury is now pending before me. I desire to have full and accurate information of all the facts and circumstances connected with the case; and I therefore take the liberty to ask you to state to me, at your earliest possible convenience, in a specific form, your recollection and understanding of the agreement referred to, if any such was made.

I have the honor to be

With great Respect

Your Ob't Servt

E. Lewis Love,

Anno: 1853.

Executive Department.

Annapolis, Md,

March 12th 1853

His Excellency

William Bigler

Governor of the State of Pennsylvania.

My dear Sir:

I received, some time ago, your requisition for the apprehension and delivery of Thomas Drury, charged with kidnapping Rachel Parker. I write, in courtesy to your Excellency, to say that I shall decide upon the requisition, at an early day as practicable. I have been notified that an arrangement was made between the counsel engaged in the late trial on the petition for freedom filed by Rachel Parker in the Circuit Court for Baltimore County. I wish to be fully advised of all the facts and circumstances, before determining my course. I have, accordingly, addressed a letter to the late Attorney General of Pennsylvania (a copy of which, I have the honor herewith to transmit) asking him to inform me of his recollection and understanding of that