

Washington City, March 14th 1853.

Dear Sir:

The understanding between the Scott Esq, one of the counsel for the claimant, in the Parker case, lately tried in Baltimore, and the counsel who appeared for the State of Pennsylvania, was of the most distinct and positive character.

We agreed, if the claimant would abandon the claim, and permit a verdict to be taken in favor of the petitioner, no criminal proceedings against McCreary should be instituted. So distinct and positive was the agreement, that I would without any hesitation have entered a Nolle Pross. on the indictment lately found against him in Chester County, had I had the power so to do, and thus have saved yourself and the Governor of Pennsylvania all further trouble and difficulty on the subject.

It is unnecessary for me, nor have I the time now to give you the reasons which induced this action on the part of my colleagues and myself. But we are entirely satisfied that in this way the freedom of the girls was secured, and at the same time the bonds which should ever hold Pennsylvania and Maryland together, more firmly cemented.

Ever Your Obedt Servt

James Campbell

His Excellency

E. Louis (Lowe)

Governor of Maryland

Executive Department

Annapolis,

March 24th 1853.

Th. P. Schoolfield, Esqr.

Sir:

Will you please inform the Governor by return mail, by what authority or under what circumstances, Thomas McCreary bought Rachel Parker into this state, as the supposed slave of your mother in law.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

Thos. H. Breal

Secretary of State