

Baltimore, March 31st 1853
Office, 1. North Calvert Street.

Gov. Lowe

S^r/Sir.

I have just rec^d a letter from Mr. CNeal, Sec. of State, requesting me to inform you under what circumstances, Thos. McCreary brought Rachel Parker, alias Eliza Proctor, into this State. It was by a power of attorney regularly executed for the purpose, he having found out where she was & brought her to Baltimore under said power. He also arrested her in open daylight, in good faith, that she was the runaway of my brother in Law Mr. Dickhaut, and there is not much doubt even now, that he made no mistake. But, I was induced by counsel to compromise the case, with the express understanding, that there would be no further suits or charges against the parties, as you will see by the letter of Attorney General Bumpnell, which Mr. Scott sent to you. He also stated the same in his speech at the time of settlement. Under the circumstances it would be cruel to give them up, as they no doubt would swear away his & Merritt's liberty, if they had them in Chester County. The power of attorney, can be sent to you if necessary, or I will come to Annapolis, if necessary, but I hope you will not give them up to the State of Pa.

Very Respectfully, I remain, Your friend.

L. A. Schoolfield.

Executive Department
Annapolis, Md.
May 2nd 1853

To His Excellency

The Governor of Pennsylvania.

Sir.

I have maturely considered the requisition made by your Excellency, for the apprehension and delivery of Thomas McCreary, and John Merritt charged with the crime of kidnaping a certain Rachel Parker. I must respectfully decline to comply with it for the following reasons.

You will perceive by the statement of L. A. Schoolfield, Esquire (the truth of which has not been, and I presume will not be controverted) that Thomas McCreary went to Pennsylvania, not as a kidnapper, but for the sole purpose of capturing Rachel