

Wm. H. Dymon Esq
 Secy of State

Elkton 4th August 1853

Concerning
 application

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 3rd instanc, with
 the letter of Wm. J. Randall to Gov. Lowe, was received to day,
 in regard in reply I have to state that a short time previously
 to the meeting of the April term of our Court in the year 1850,
 there appeared in the "Blue Hen Chicken", then published
 by Randall and Vincent, an article of the most incendi-
 ary character upon the subject of Slavery, Coupled with
 a resolution passed by the Syracuse Convention, recommend-
 ing the slaves to rise upon the whites, and cut their throats
 &c. Many copies of these papers, were sent from the office
 of the "Blue Hen Chicken" through our post office, to people
 residing in this County. W. Wallace the then Postmaster
 discovered what the papers contained and handed a
 copy to a member of the Grand Jury, who found a
 true bill against Randall. It was for distributing these
 papers through the mail to our people, as well as for
 giving one to a person at our depot, that Randall was
 indicted. The indignation of our whole Community was
 aroused by the circulation of such incendiary papers
 through our Community, and if that indignation has
 subsided and our people are satisfied, I am not aware
 of it. At the request of several of our prominent
 Citizens I wrote to Gov. Lowe once or twice with the view
 of obtaining a requisition upon the Governor of Dela-
 ware for Randall, but never received a reply to my
 letters, and the case has been standing upon our
 docket since the Spring of 1850. We do not know
 now who was the author of the article alluded to,
 but we do know that it was published in the paper,
 of which Randall was at the time a proprietor and
 publisher, and that from the office of that paper, it
 was disseminated through our Community, through the
 mail, and at least one copy given out by Mr. Randall
 himself in our town. I know nothing of Mr. Randall
 personally, and all he states may be true. I have heard
 one or two of our Citizens speak well of him, and
 a great many swear that if they ever caught him
 they would tar and feather him.

I am Very respectfully
 Your Obedt. Servant
 Rich^d Mason