

Professional Services in the Case of the State vs. <sup>27</sup> ~~McCune~~ <sup>McCune</sup> R.  
 McCune, at the last session of the General Assembly,  
 the Governor supposes that you possibly might have re-  
 ceived your connection with that Case as at an end.  
 He has therefore instructed me to say to you that it was  
 his intention to secure your services throughout the case,  
 until finally disposed of; and he consequently wishes,  
 that you will so consider it, and prepare for the new  
 trial granted.

With high regard  
 Mr. Wm. Court.  
 John Randolph Quinn  
 Secretary of State

Sept. 6th 1853

Sir: I have been applied to on behalf of Mrs. Mary Hall of  
 Urbana, to forward a petition to you praying a Writ  
 Habeas Corpus in the Case of her two Negro Slaves now confined  
 in the County Jail, charged with larceny - She wishes to have  
 the right that she may sell them out of the State. The  
 only punishment provided by law for slaves in such cases  
 is in 1818 Ch. 17, which provides whipping or banishment  
 at the discretion of the Court - In that case their full ap-  
 praised value will have to be paid by the County to the  
 owner, and also the expenses of prosecution, while the County  
 in return receives only the depreciated value of the con-  
 victed Negro - By granting the prayer of this party,  
 therefore, Sir, the ends of justice will be accomplished  
 speedily, and with a great economy to the County - I  
 therefore recommend that you do grant to Isaac and  
 Hiram, Negro Slaves of Mrs. Mary Hall of Fredk. Co.  
 now confined in Jail now charged with larceny, a  
 writ of Habeas Corpus, on the express condition that  
 they be immediately sold by their Master and conveyed  
 out of the State of Maryland.

I am Sir  
 Yours respectfully  
 Bradley J. Johnson  
 State Atty, Fredk. Co.

Dr. Lowe,  
 Annapolis