

In a certain James Porter & a certain Sergin Smith. The deceased  
received his death wounds in Caroline County in the State of  
Maryland, but died therefrom within a few days afterwards, in  
this State. The homicide is not cognizable before our Criminal  
tribunals & unless it can be punished in Maryland, the guilty  
parties must go unpunished of justice. I therefore call your Excellency's  
attention to the case, in which that you may take such action in the  
premises as may seem right & proper.

Have the honor to be  
With perfect respect  
Yours Excellency's Obedient Servant  
Geo. P. Fisher  
Attorney General

State of Maryland  
Office of the Secretary of State  
Annapolis, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1835

J. W. Smith Esq.  
State Attorney for Caroline Co.

Dr. Sir: By direction of the Governor, I have the honor to  
acknowledge your letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> ult. which I received at this office from the Attorney  
General of the State of Delaware in relation to the death of one  
William D. Phipps in consequence of blows alleged to have been in-  
flicted upon him by a certain James Porter & Sergin Smith and to  
request that you will give to the matter your immediate attention.

Very Respectfully  
Wm. C. Cress  
National Secretary  
Secretary of State.

Executive Department  
Annapolis Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> 1835

Charles B. Widdleton Esq.  
Sir:

There stands on the books of the Bank  
a balance against you as Sheriff of Prince Georges County of  
\$707.25 which I enclose & apparently due the State  
By the 20<sup>th</sup> section of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Art of the Constitution no person can  
hold any office of trust or profit under this State until he shall  
have accounted for & paid into the Treasury all sums on the  
books thereof, incurred to & due by him. Until this balance  
is accounted for & settled with the Officers of the Treasury you can  
not be in a state of final discharge. Your Obedt Servant

Very Respectfully  
Wm. C. Cress  
Secretary of State

Wm. C. Cress, William D. Cress, Esq.