

State of Maryland
Executive Chamber

Annapolis January 11th 1862

His Excellency A. G. Curtin
Gov^r of Penn^a.

Sir

My attention has just been called by the Council engaged in the case of Myers vs. the State of Pennsylvania to the condition of that case. It is now pending in the Supreme Court of the United States and is upon the Trial Docket of the present term; it involves the question of the Constitutionality of an act of the Legislature of Penn^a. passed I think in 1847. under which Myers was indicted and convicted of the crime of kidnapping.

It is suggested - and in such suggestion I entirely concur - that in the present condition of the Country it would be prudent to avoid any possible agitation, at this time, of a judicial controversy on such a subject, and as Myers is at large on his own recognizance, no one would suffer by a continuance of the case to the next term.

Will your Excellency advise me by an early reply whether you concur in this proposition in order that if the case is not to be continued we may prepare for its trial.

With great respect

Your obed^t serv^t
A. W. Bradford

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Jonathan Meredith Esq

Dear Sir

I have just received yours of the 9th, suggesting the propriety of continuing the case of Myers vs. State of Penn^a. now pending in the Supreme Court, and have written to Gov Curtin on the subject requesting an early reply. Should he not concur in that proposal, I will appoint as you request an associate Counsel. I find upon the letter Book a copy of a note addressed by the late Secretary of State to the Governor of Penn^a. on 30th Dec, and am told by Mr Green that no reply has been rec^d.

Yours very Respectfully
A. W. Bradford