

could not even reach the protection which your order seems intended to provide in the City of Baltimore.

What I would therefore respectfully suggest in connection with the subject of your order is that the Orphans Courts may be given to understand that you have no purpose of interfering with their execution of existing laws on the subject of free negroes or at least no further than to require that no abuse of the authority thereby vested in them shall be practiced, and that the terms and limitations of the law be strictly observed —

Very Respectfully
Your obtt. Servt.

A. W. Bradford

Wagerstown November 9th 1864

To His Excellency

A. W. Bradford
Governor of Maryland

Dear Sir:

No requisition in legal form has yet been made for the surrender of Charles Stewart to the Military Authorities for trial, and Judge Weisel suggests that I had best write to you again to know what course is to be pursued. It is a question of jurisdiction and it is desirable that it should be determined according to Law. If the Act of Congress Chapter 75 Section 30 of 1862-3 has received a construction by any tribunal of law I should like to know of it. The party has been indicted and pleaded "not guilty" in this jurisdiction. Stewart was delivered to the Civil Authority by the Military, and there must have been an order for such delivery. That order, I am told, ought to have been forwarded to Washington for approval or disapproval. The disposition made of that order might be important in the case. Court will commence here on Monday and we will dispose of the question without unnecessary delay; but if it is a proper case for a requisition it seems to me the question should be based upon that.

Very Respy. Your obtt. Servt.

H. Mc Darby
States Atty. Wash. Co.

State of Maryland
Executive Department

Annapolis Nov. 14th 1864

Francis Mc Darby Esq
States Atty. &c

Dear Sir:

I have received yours of the 9th Inst. saying that "no requisition in a legal form has yet been made for the surrender