

To the Honourable William Branch, Chief Justice of the Court of the District of Columbia. Whereas John Gray, a free man of colour, stands charged, by affidavit of Frederick all opps, made before Leonard C. Chew Esquire, a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland in and for Prince Georges County, with having, sometime in the month of February last, in conjunction with a certain Richard Spiers, another free man of colour, broken open and entered clandestinely the store room of J. C. & P. Scott, in the town of Upper Marlborough within the said County of Prince Georges, and with having escaped on being discovered by the deponent. And whereas information has been received at the Executive Department of this State, that the said John Gray hath fled from Justice, and is now confined in Jail in the District of Columbia, upon a charge of having committed said offence. And it being important and highly necessary for the good of Society, that the perpetrators of such offences should be brought to Justice, Now therefore, I Thomas M. Neasey Governor of the State of Maryland, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the United States, do hereby demand the said John Gray as a fugitive from the Justice of this State, and make known to your Excellency that I have appointed Henry Thompson Esquire, Messenger of the Executive Council, my agent to receive the said fugitive and bring him into this State, having jurisdiction of the offence charged against him as aforesaid, that he may be brought to trial therefor.

In compliance with the requisitions of the Law, herewith annexed and produced to your Excellency, a copy of the affidavit upon which this demand is founded: which I certify is authentic.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, this fourth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven, and of the Independence of the United States the sixty first.

By the Governor

Wm. Cullbreth Secy of the Council.

Thos. M. Neasey

The following commission and instruction was issued to the aforesaid agent viz

The State of Maryland, To Henry Thompson, Messenger of the Executive Council Gentlemen, Greeting. Be it known, that reposing a special trust and confidence in your prudence and honesty, I Thomas M. Neasey Governor of the State of Maryland, have appointed you my agent to receive from His Honor the Chief Justice of the Circuit Court of the District of Columbia, John Gray, a fugitive from the Justice of this State, and I