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In my correspondence with the Attorney General I refused particularly to the Frederick County Bank because I believed, that in issuing notes of a less value denomination than five dollars, it had violated the 5th section of the act of 1837, in which case it might have become my duty to interfere. I pointed out the acts of Assembly, that came under my notice, and left it to the Attorney General to examine the whole case and give his opinion upon it. I had no disposition to injure the bank, or interfere with its chartered rights, and I regret that my letter to Mr Bayly should have given rise to such an inference.

I am very respectfully

Your obedient servant
William Grason

December 10th 1841

Sir,

I have examined the indictments, on which an application has been made, for a demand on the Governor of Pennsylvania, for the delivery of certain slaves, viz: Dick Plummer, Bill Plummer, David Matthews, John Wesley Matthews and Bazil as fugitives from justice.

The act of assembly under which these indictments were found makes it the duty of the Governor, in the case provided for "to demand such slave from the proper authority in the District of Columbia or from the Governor of the State into which such slave may have escaped as a fugitive from justice"

Under the act of Congress, which relates to fugitives from justice the demand is to be made, on the Executive authority of the "State to which such person shall have fled."

Before a requisition can be properly made, it must be known, in what state the criminal has taken refuge. It is charged in the indictments that the slaves in question "fled to the state of Pennsylvania, or some other one of the United States." I might therefore with as much propriety, make a demand upon the Executive authority of any other State, as upon that of Pennsylvania.

I have now made a requisition for the delivery of a fugitive upon the mere supposition that he was in some particular State and cannot do it in the present case.

To

Col Bayly.

Yours respectfully

Wm Grason