

To His Excellency Phillip Francis Thomas, Governor of Maryland

The undersigned Property holders and others of the City of Baltimore respectfully ?? to the state that they have learned that a certain Ann Matthews has been convicted before Baltimore City Court at the present term on the charge of enticing persuading a slave named Mary and the property of Washington Rider of the City to escape from the service of her said owner. We also learn that she also at this time stands indicted before said court on no other charges - and that an attempt is making for the purpose of applying to Your Excellency to interpret the authority of the state to quash the proceedings or to grant a pardon.

This Ann Matthews stands noted in her neighborhood as one fo the very worst characters and is a terror to her neighbors - her conviction has we feel assured given satisfaction to those who know her best, and we respectfully ask your Excellency not to interfere, but to permit the law to have its just and proper course in the case of Ann Matthews.

Baltimore, October 14, 1848

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