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To His Excellency, J. Watkins Ligon

Governor of Maryland

We the undersigned beg Leave very Respectfully to represent to your Excellency that a certain Free Negro who was convicted in the Circuit Court for Dorchester County held in ^{the} town of Cambridge About April 1857 for Aiding and ^{abetting} Slaves to escape from their Masters, and for having in his possession certain Abolition Handbills Pamphlets and other documents, and papers of a like character, also certain letters from negroes in Canada, who had escaped from his immediate neighbourhood, inviting certain other negroes by name to follow on as the way was all clear, and he found plenty of friends and money on the way, and where he stopped and how long he remained at several Points on his Passage, there were also found in his possession several Schedules of Railroad Road Travel, through the northern States. We further represent that said Negro - Samuel Green by name had a fair and Impartial Trial His Honour Judge Spence Assigning him two as ^{his} Counsel as belonged to the Bar. It was in evidence before the Court that those negroes written to from Canada did so from their Masters some time after the Reception of this letter, It was further Proved on the trial of said Negro that he the said Samuel Green did during the Autumn of 1856 visit Canada himself secretly, and return to this State, not more than one or two persons, knowing when and where he went and when he returned, and those two counsel him to keep the matter Private