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Government House
York, 28 September 1833

Sir,

I have the honor to request you with reference to your letter of the 12th ultimo, and requisition for certain persons who have fled from justice and are supposed to be still in Upper Canada, that the authorities of Michigan will, I am confident, always receive that prompt assistance from the Magistrates and Courts of Justice of this Province which it is for the mutual benefit of the two countries should be afforded in arresting fugitives charged with the committal of crimes, when their apprehension can be justified on the principles of the common Law of this country.

His Excellency

George B. Porter

Governor Michigan Territory

Case, however, may frequently occur which can only be decided as the forms of our Institution will allow: and from the observations of the Attorney General of the Province, forwarded with my letter of 16th July. You will have perceived that the requisition of the acting Governor of the Michigan Territory could not be legally complied with. The warrant and papers transmitted by him, being in several respects, unsatisfactory official documents: and accompanying enclosures containing the opinion of the Judges, and Attorney General on the subject of your requisition will fully explain to you that the fugitives named in the warrant signed by you, cannot by the Provincial

Statutes, be arrested, and account also for the delay which has taken place in your receiving a reply to your communication.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

Humble Servant,

J Colborne