

State of Maine

Our berland ss. To John Harris, Esq.¹⁴
Keeper of the gaol in said
County.—

Whereas John P. Emery
of Biddeford in the county of York
has this day been brought before me,
by writ of Habeas Corpus, and it appearing
by your return, that he is
held in custody as a fugitive from
justice from the Commonwealth of
Virginia, by virtue of a warrant
issued by Nathaniel Butler, acting
Governor of the State of Maine, at the
request and demand of William B.
Giles, Governor of said Commonwealth;
and it further appearing, that the said
John P. Emery was committed to my
custody on the 25th of December instant,
of which Boswell Alsop, the Agent appointed
by the Governor of Virginia to demand
and receive the said Emery, had
immediate notice being then in Portland,
but that the said Alsop has neglected to

receive the said Sommey by virtue of said
Executive demand, but has departed
the States, leaving him in your custody;

These are, in the name of
the State of Maine, to command and
require that you, forthwith discharge
the said John P. Sommey from your
custody, provided he is detained for
no other cause than that mentioned
in your return.

Given under my hand and
private seal, at Portland, this
thirtieth day of December, one
thousand eight hundred and
twenty nine

Albion K. Parry
Just. Sup. Just. County

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