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## John C. Calhoun letter to William H. Rogers

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Department of State  
Washington February 21. 1845.

William H Rogers Esq.  
U.S. Dist Atty  
Wilmington Del.

Sir,

Your letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> Inst: respecting the case of Capt: Hiram Gray, late of the Brig "Agnes" charged with certain acts in violation of the Laws of the U States for the suppression of the Slave trade, has been received.

Under the doubts expressed by yourself, and the District Judge, of the sufficiency of the papers with which you have been furnished, to authorize the commitment of Gray, I have to request, that you will suspend proceeding against him for the present. A letter was received on the 19<sup>th</sup> Inst: from the United States Consul at Rio de Janeiro, in which he states, that the Witnesses in this case, will soon be sent to the U States - You will be advised of their arrival as soon as the Department receives the information, and in the meantime, to secure the arrest of



Gray, I have to request that you will have his movements carefully watched.

It may be proper to mention, that the U S District Attorney at Philadelphia, to whom papers similar to those inclosed to you, were forwarded, has informed the Department, that on the strength of them, Judge Randall of the District Court of the U States, had issued warrants for the arrest of Gray, Ruhl & Gough.

I am, Sir, Respectfully  
Your obedient Servant  
J. C. Hathorn