

page assessment would give as the increase of that assessment \$25,171,784, the amount stated in my message -

Upon an examination since made, and from the letter of the Treasurer which I herewith submit, I find that the assessment of 1845, upon which the tax was levied and paid in 1846 amounted to \$56,026,856, which deducted from \$80,000,000, the estimated amount of the new assessment, would give as the increase of the new over the previous assessments, the sum of \$23,973,144, making an error in my estimate of the difference between this sum and \$25,171,784, which I am gratified in having this opportunity of correcting -

The Treasurer's report for 1846, published since my message was transmitted to the Legislature, also shows that \$56,026,856, is the amount of the present assessment of the property of the City of Baltimore, and it cannot be material to consider of what particular items the increase of the new assessment may be composed, in forming our estimate of the probable increase of the revenue which will accrue for the future from that source -

All the bank stocks which were liable to taxation under the decision of the Court of Appeals prior to the 10th of January 1846, were, I suppose, included in the assessment of 1845; and the stock of the City of Baltimore, and the stock of the State of Maryland held by the Citizens of Baltimore, not being liable to taxation for City purposes, were not of course included in the estimated increase of the present assessment -

In investigating the question, whether the State proposes the ability to resume the payment of her liabilities I have (as I stated in my message) no desire that you should rely upon any opinion expressed by me, my sole desire in that communication was, to place you in possession of such information as would, in my judgment, facilitate you in the examination of this momentous subject -

Thos. G. Pratt

### Proclamation

Executive Department

Jan: 27<sup>th</sup> 1847

Whereas, The Legislature of Maryland on the 20<sup>th</sup> Inst passed the following resolution -

"Whereas, an atrocious murder has been lately committed by some persons or persons unknown on the body of Thos. Anderson, a resident of Montgomery County in this State -

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland that the Governor be and he is hereby requested and authorized to offer a reward of two hundred dollars for the apprehension and conviction of the offender or offenders,

Now, Therefore, I, Thos. G. Pratt, Governor of Maryland, in pursuance of the request in said resolution expressed by this Proclamation, offer a reward of two hundred