

the State &c, we have this Day, as you will perceive, by the enclosed appointment, made choice of you for that purpose. As the intention of the Law is to prevent combinations between public Officers and debtors, and the false returns and delays consequent thereon, your duty will be to demand and receive from the Clerk of the General Court all the State executions against Collectors of taxes and their Securities, to deliver them to the Sheriffs, and to see them laid on such property as may be most likely to produce the sums due. The ready concurrence of the Officers with regard to the times of selling the property will be essential to you, as your own attendance will always be requisite at the Sales. We enclose you letters to them which we presume will have the desired effect; we likewise enclose the Resolution of the Board respecting the Commissions you are to receive - and the form of a Bond which you will please to return executed, together with a notification of your acceptance. You will at the same time mention any points touching the business that may seem to require elucidation. It is probable that we may furnish you with some particular Instructions before any Sales will be made. Till then we rely on your judgment, and have no doubt that you will use the greatest diligence in executing the purposes of your appointment.

We are &c

Colo. Wm. Richardson

J. E. Howard

Copy of Letter 28 Apr. to the Clerk of the Genl Court, for Caroline Talbot, Dorchester, Somerset & Worcester Counties - enclosed -