

Dear Sir,

Council Chamber

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I am directed to call your attention to the several Acts of Assembly relative to State Lotteries, and to request your opinion, - whether they authorize a renewal of the Bonds of the Commissioners? - and, if so, whether it is necessary for the Bonds to be renewed after every annual appointment? In what penalty ought they to be given? Does the law require the Bonds to be given by all the Commissioners? or, a separate one for each?
There are several other Supplementary Acts but I presume those of 1817 & 22, are the most important to be referred to.

I am also instructed to ask your opinion, - whether the Act of Assembly passed in 1809 and confirmed in 1810, abolishing all such parts of the Constitution and form of Government, as requires a property qualification in persons to be appointed to office, & recalls that part of the 4th section of the Act of Assembly of 1807 Chapter 63, entitled an Act to regulate the inspection of Tobacco, which requires a property qualification in persons to be appointed Inspectors?

The Act of 1807 Chap 63 requires the Treasurers of the respective Shores, within twenty days after their appointment to give Bond to the State, with security to be approved by the Governor and Council, and in a form and penalty therein prescribed. The Act of 1823 Chapter 195, requires the said Treasurers to renew their Bonds on or before the first day of August in every second year after the first day of the then next August when their Bonds were first required to be renewed. Treasurers for both Shores were appointed during the last Session of the General Assembly, and gave Bonds as required by the Act of 1807, and Resolutions, particularly relating to each respectively, to each Treasurer, passed after their respective appointments - which Bonds were approved by the Governor and Council. A Resolution was also passed at the last Session particularly relating to the Treasurers of the Eastern Shore, requiring that said Treasurers, on the first day of August next, and always thereafter, to give Bonds as required by the aforesaid Act of 1823. No such provision, as this last was made in relation to the Treasurer of the Western Shore.

This complicated Legislation involves in Bond duties - whether the renewed Bonds of the said Treasurers are required to be approved by the Governor and Council within twenty days after their execution? and, when, the Bond of the Treasurer of the Western Shore ought next to be renewed? Your Opinion on this subject is also desired.

The Executive will meet sometime in the month of August, and it is desirable to have your Opinions upon the two first subjects to lay before them; upon the latter subject, it may be important to hear from you earlier.
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With great respect I have the honor to remain
Your Obedt Servt
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