

Council Chamber  
Annapolis Maryland June 30 1834.

Sir,

Yours of the 5th Instant to His Excellency Thomas, requesting a detailed statement of the sources of Revenue recognized by the existing Law of this State; the rate of taxation imposed upon each subject of Revenue; and the objects upon which it is expended. Having been received here in the absence of His Excellency, I have the pleasure of sending you herewith a copy of the last Annual Report of the Treasurer of the Western Shore which I presume will afford you the information desired.

With the highest consideration

I have the honor to be

your Excellency's Obedient

Wm. Culbreth Clerk  
of the Executive Council

His Excellency

David G. Linn

Governor of the State

Raleigh

Council Chamber  
Annapolis June 30 1834.

Dear Sir,

I find by reference to the papers filed with your petition for a writ of Habeas Corpus that copies of the Resolutions were received in a letter from William Grassie Esquire on the 14 day of April last. These with Mr. G's letter were immediately transmitted to the Governor at his residence and have subsequently been returned by him without endorsement or without communicating to me any final decision upon the petition.

Very respectfully your

Wm. Culbreth

Wm. Culbreth Clerk

Mr. Charles W. Hobbs  
Wm. Culbreth  
Attor. Genl.

Council Chamber  
Annapolis Aug 13 1834

Dear Sir,

The Governor and Council at their late meeting had your several communications before them relative to the claims for Militia Services and Supplies of the militia called out the past Spring to suppress a riot amongst the labourers on the Canal in Washington County, and also the several accounts, bills &c forwarded by you. Upon examination of the Law and full investigation and consideration of the subject it was found that they had no authority to pay the claims. The act of May Session 1813 chapter 11, together with the act of 1815 chapter 84 authorize them (as substitutes for the militia accounts provided for by the first named act) to audit all such claims, but it is expressly provided that payment shall be made after the Legislature shall have made appropriation for the purpose. No appropriation has been made and consequently they have no authority to pay the claims. It will, perhaps, be better for the parties to go before the Legislature with their claims, than to have them audited by the Executive under the existing Law; for they would be tied down to the legal pay and rations, which they could not go beyond in their allowance. Militia called out upon a sudden emergency for a few days only cannot be substituted for the rations allowed by Law and it is nothing but sheer Justice that those who provide for them should receive