

James Mason Esq.
 Register Wills Washington County
 Dear Sir

State Department
 May 5th 1845

I have received your favour of the 3rd inst - inquiring what construction has been placed by this Department on the Act of the last Session imposing duties on promissory notes &c in reference to the Bonds of Executors Administrators &c.

I have no doubt that the Law requires all Bonds of the Character referred to in your letter to be stamped - I have referred the question to the Attorney General & he also places this construction upon the Law.

Respectfully yours

Thos G. Pratt

George H. Richardson Esq.
 Attorney General No 2

State Department
 May 5th 1845

Dear Sir

I have received letters from various sources asking an official construction of the Act imposing duties upon promissory notes &c. as to its applicability to the Bonds of Trustees, Executors, Administrators, Constables, Sheriffs, Clerks, Registers, Bank Officers &c. I have also received from the Clerk of Frederick County Court - a letter inquiring whether Certificates of Deposit issued by the Banks should be stamped.

I have written several letters giving it as the opinion of this Department that the Law applies to all of the cases above mentioned except Certificates of Deposit. In many of the letters I am requested to obtain & have published for the information of the Public your official opinion upon this subject. Will you be pleased at your earliest convenience to send me your opinion upon the points indicated above that I may publish it for the information of the Public.

Respect - &c &c

Thos G. Pratt

Is Dennis Sweeney Esq.
 Justice Peace Balt - City
 Dear Sir

State Department
 May the 6th 1845

I have received the applications of George Moory & Thos Frost - for the remission of fines imposed on them by you for selling without a license. The rule which I have adopted in reference to the applications for the remission of fines imposed by Justices of the Peace, is to require the recommendation of the Attorney General or his Deputy for the City of Baltimore where the fine is imposed in Baltimore. As you united in the above applications I have thought it right to explain to you the grounds upon which they are rejected & I will thank you to explain to Mr Moory & Frost why I have been obliged to reject their applications.

Respectfully &c &c

Thos G. Pratt