

State Department
May the 7th 1845

Francis D. Ballou Esq.
Insurance Bell & Gaithe Ins. Co.

Sir

I sent you on the 4th of April a draft on the Treasury for \$102²⁰/₁₀₀ for the insurance of Tobacco Warehouse N^o 5 in the City of Baltimore. I now write to request that you will send me a policy of Insurance.

Respectfully &c. Thos. G. Pratt

To Gordon M. Handy Esq.
Clerk of Worcester County Court
D^r Sir

State Department
May 10th 1845

I herewith enclose you a commission Mr. Harper the Collector of the State Tax for Worcester County & also a blank bond which is to be approved either by the Governor or by one of the Judges of the County Court - I have to ask the favor of you to see Mr. Harper & hand to him the enclosed papers -

Doct. Claude has shown me your letter to him in which you state that Mr. Harper's only objection to ^{the} acceptance of the appointment is that the Commissioners of the Tax may fix too small a percentage to give him an adequate compensation - This was certainly an omission in the Law of the last Session - I can only say that it would be a manifest breach of duty in the Commissioners of the Tax to fix the compensation so low as to prevent the acceptance of the appointment. If the compensation which is fixed should be too low I have no doubt that the Legislature would upon my recommendation at the next Session increase the allowance - I wish you to assure Mr. Harper that no effort shall be wanting on my part to have an adequate allowance made to him - Be assured Sir that your efforts in behalf of the faith of the State are fully appreciated by me.

Most Respectfully &c.
Thos. G. Pratt

To Benjamin E. Gaithe Esq. A. A. Co.
D^r Sir

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I have as requested by you read the letter of Mr. J. Y. Worthington to you regarding the application of the Friends of Tho^s. M^r. Bailey a convict in the Penitentiary for a pardon - The letter requests that I should ask of the Directors of the Penitentiary to certify as to his character & their wishes in reference to his pardon &c.

It would be manifestly improper for me to make such a request of the Directors - It has been the custom for the Directors to recommend to the Governor in cases of manifest reform in morals & upon the receipt of such recommendation it would become my duty to consider with respectful attention the facts certified by them & if