

guilty, or the sentence of the Court from which they desire to be released & you have not sent a copy of the indictment, nor have you stated for what they were indicted. It would be impossible to file up a pardon from the papers you have sent. In the case of Leavelle you sent a copy of the indictment & sentence of the Court. If you will look to the pardon sent over in that case, you will see that from the papers forwarded to me now it would be impossible to draw a pardon if I were disposed to grant one. I expect to leave here for some days in the morning.

The rule which I have adopted is to require the recommendation of the Court and in no case to grant pardons unless so recommended unless in cases where from the opinion of the Community and the Attorney General I may come to the conclusion that Judges have erred in their refusal to recommend.

Respectfully
Thos. G. Pratt
State Department
June 12th 1845

Circular addressed to the Collectors of the State Tax for Baltimore County, Caroline County, Charles County, Cecil County and Frederick County -

Sir

In conformity with the provision of the 8th section of the act of 1842, Chap 264, The Treasurer has reported to me, that you have as Collector of the Direct-Tax for - County, for the year 1841 & 1842 failed to pay the amount due by you. The Treasurer reports that you owe \$ The Law requires to, makes it my duty to order suit, if in my judgement the interest of the State would be thereby promoted. Unless you convince me by the payment of the above balance, (or otherwise) that the interest of the State would be promoted by further indulgence, I shall order suit on your Bond on the first day of August next.

Respectfully
Thos. G. Pratt

June 19th. The above Circular was this day addressed to the Collectors of the State Tax, in the following Counties. Annapolis & Howard District, Dorchester, Cecil Baltimore City, Prince Georges, Harford, Montgomery, St. Marys

States Department
June 30th 1845

George Brent Esq. Dep^t Atty. Genl.
Sir

The Treasurer has this moment informed me that William Swift the Collector for 1843 has since I directed suit on his Bond paid \$4,268 ²⁸/₁₀₀. Be pleased to discontinue proceedings against him, as he promises to pay -

Respectfully
Thos. G. Pratt