

State Department
August 15th 1845

M. Rogers Esq
Dear Sir

I think the appointment of Joshua H. Shipley by the Commissioners of the tax of Carroll County as the collector of the State tax entirely legal although made after the 10th of May - The power of the Commissioners of the tax could only be superseded by the exercise of the power of appointment by the Governor under the law of the last Session - No appointment having been made by the Gov. the power of appointment was legitimately exercised by the Commissioners of the tax in the case of Mr. Shipley -

Respt &c
Thos G. Pratt

To the Hon. R. J. Walker
Secretary of the Treasury
Sir

Sept. the 25th 1845

I have the honor to transmit in compliance with your request a statement showing the situation of the Banks of this State in the years 1841, 1842, 1843 & 1844 - In addition to the Banks mentioned in this statement, the Legislature in 1804 chartered the Farmers Bank of Maryland with a Capital of \$1,200,000 which under its Charter is not required to furnish a statement of its affairs. The Legislature has also chartered the Trustee Bank with a Capital paid in of \$175,000, the Farmers & Mechanics Bank of Frederick with a Capital paid in of \$123,430, the Bank of Westminister with a Capital of \$60,000 & the Bank of Washington (now & with a Capital paid in of \$112,447 which are not required to exhibit - I have the honor to be
statement of their situation. Most Respectfully
W. J. Weston
Sec. of State

Sir

I have received your favours of the 8th and 15th inst, stating that you had forwarded to my address three boxes containing 7 vols of the 1st Session of the 28th Congress & 1 vol Nicollet's Reports and one Box containing 2 copies (6 vols) of the narrative of the Exploring Expedition - I now write to inform you, that the Boxes referred to in your letter, have not been received, and to request that you will make such necessary enquiry of the party through whom you forwarded them

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt
Thos G. Pratt

To
Lucia Washington Esq
U.S. State Department