

August 30th 1845

The following Circular was addressed to the Clerks of the Counties & to the Register in Chancery

Sir

You are aware that by the provisions of the act of 1844, chap. 187, a tax of one tenth part of the commissions allowed to Trustees and Receivers in Chancery, is imposed upon such Trustees and Receivers. The Treasurer is of opinion that the accruing revenue will be equal to the accruing interest on the public debt, provided all the revenue laws can be brought into immediate effective operation. Knowing the deep interest you feel in the maintenance of the public credit I feel every confidence that you will most cheerfully lend your aid to the Executive and Treasurer to that end. It can make no difference to the Trustee or to the Estate he represents, at what time he pays the tax imposed by the act referred to. It has to ask that you will (as far as it can be consistently done) have the tax imposed by this Act audited by the 10th of October next and that you will by that time furnish me with a statement showing the amount of revenue which will be hereafter derived from the operation of this law to that date. As the Trustee is bound by his oath to pay within thirty days after the ratification of the Auditor's report you will I am sure have only to notify the Trustee of such ratification and the importance to the State of prompt payment to insure a compliance by the Trustee with the provisions of the law. By showing this communication to the Court you will I have no doubt receive all the aid in their power to effect the object here indicated.

We have no dates from which to form our estimate of the probable revenue under this law, and hence the necessity of asking for the statement above requested.

Thos. G. Pratt

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The following Circular was addressed to the Register of Wills

Sir

You are aware that under the Act of 1844, chap. 237, every Executor or Administrator is bound to pay to the Register of Wills of the County in which his letters are granted two and one half per cent. on every \$100 They may hold belonging to any collateral Distributees, Legatees, &c; to be by the Register of Wills paid into the Treasury. You are also aware that under the Act of 1844, chap. 184, every Executor and Administrator is bound to pay to the Register of Wills within thirty days from the passage of the account in which his commissions are allowed one per cent. upon the amount of such commissions to be by the