

complete the collection of the estate tax which under the bond of Col. H. he was bound to collect. I hasten to give you this information that you may examine the law & communicate your conclusions to me. I do not now think that I have any authority to appoint a collector to complete the unfinished collection of Col. H. but that this duty legally devolves upon his Executor. As I have stated this opinion is formed without a particular examination of the law & in corroboration of its correctness I am informed that such has been the course pursued in similar cases which have occurred

Yours &c, &c  
Thos. G. Pratt

Executive Department  
January 6<sup>th</sup> 1846

Sir  
I have the honor to transmit to your Excellency a resolution of the House of Delegates of Maryland asking for certain information therein specified & If your Excellency can furnish the information requested without too much inconvenience I will be most thankfully receive  
your Obedt. Servt

Thos. G. Pratt

To his Excellency  
Genl. Wm. Harwood Gov. South Carolina  
A similar letter was addressed to the Gov. of Massachusetts  
John W. Alexander Esqr  
January 6<sup>th</sup> 1846

Sir  
I have received your favor of the 5<sup>th</sup> inst. requesting authority to deliver the Ball City Standard to the City Authorities before the annual meeting of the Councils and also the Standard for Ball County & you are hereby authorized to take the course indicated in your letter  
Very Resp<sup>t</sup>. &c. Thos. G. Pratt  
Executive Department

January 10<sup>th</sup> 1846

Sir  
I perceive by the Treasurers report that you have paid only \$771.00 on account of your indebtedness for State tax for 1843 leaving a balance of \$1338.41 now due. Unless this balance is paid by the first of March I shall be compelled to order a suit on your bond  
Yours &c, &c. Thos. G. Pratt

Wm. A. Luyon Esqr

Executive Department

To Jas. Harwood & Tho. King Carroll  
Lottery Commissioners  
Gentlemen

February 7<sup>th</sup> 1846

Messrs D. Paine & Co have agreed to contract for the drawing of the consolidated Lotteries for the ensuing year with the knowledge of the passage of the law imposing a stamp tax upon such tickets sold. I have after full reflection upon the subject come to the conclusion that the interest of the State would be promoted by entering into the contract at once