

I would therefore advise & request that you will enter into the contract with Messrs Paine & Co upon the terms of the contract with the present contractors, to commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of December next when the present contract will expire -

Respt. &c. &c.  
Thos G. Pratt

Prof. at Harwood & Thos St Carroll  
Lottery Commissioners

Executive Department  
Febur 10<sup>th</sup> 1846

Gentlemen

I have received your favour of the 9<sup>th</sup> instant & I will comply with your request therein contained so soon as the bill passes the Senate -

In advising you to enter now into the contract for the ensuing year with Messrs Paine & Co you of course will understand that the sufficiency of the security & which they will offer is entirely left to your judgement - I only mean to be understood that they are entitled to the contract if they can give you adequate security -

Very Respect. &c. &c.  
Thos G. Pratt

Executive Department  
Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> 1846

To W B Clarke Esq  
De. Atty. Genl.

Sir

You will upon the receipt of this letter institute a suit in the name of this State upon the official Bond of M. L. Prof. the Collector of the State tax for Washington County for the year 1844 -

Res. &c. &c.

Thos G. Pratt

To Geo. H. Richardson Esq  
Attorney Genl. Md.

Executive Department  
February 12<sup>th</sup> 1846

Sir

Some complaints have been made of the want of efficiency of the Magistrates of Baltimore, & as it is impossible for me to know whether those who were appointed last year are qualified, I have determined to request you officially to inform me which of them are in your opinion unqualified - I think you had better come down & make out the list -

Yours &c. &c.  
Thos G. Pratt