

Executive Department
May 20th 1846

To Gen. D. Richardson East
Atty. General

Sir

By the Act of the last session which authorizes the purchase of a lot & the erection of a Tobacco Warehouse in the City of Baltimore, it is declared "that the stock shall not be sold unless a premium can be obtained for it: I have received a communication from the Commissioner of Loans advising me that he cannot sell the stock upon the terms prescribed by the Law. The result is, that I cannot buy the Lot unless I can pay for it in stock; and the object of this communication is to request, that you will upon the receipt of this letter purchase for the State the Lot of Mr. Walsh at the corner of Charles & Conway Streets, provided he will take in payment the stock authorized to be issued by this Act.

He has offered the entire Lot for \$25,000, (twenty five thousand dollars) and you are hereby authorized to purchase the Lot at that price, to be paid for in the stock directed by this Law to be issued for that purpose.

The Commissioner of Loans has a copy of the Law, which I wish you to examine before you make authorized by this letter. If Mr. Walsh will agree to the terms herein specified, I wish you to examine his title and prepare the necessary deed and upon its execution being executed I will direct the Commissioner of Loans to issue to Mr. Walsh stock to the amount of \$25,000 the interest & principal payable according to the terms of the Act of Assembly. Be pleased to attend to this at once, and upon the completion of the business send me your bill for your services in examining the title & preparing the deed &c.

Very Respectfully
Yours &c.

Thomas G. Pratt

General Order No. 1

To Gen. N. Watkins
Capt. Genl. M^d. Militia

Sir

Head Quarters M^d. Militia
Annapolis May 20th 1846

Our Country is at War with Mexico & there are indications which cannot be disregarded of approaching difficulties with a more powerful Enemy. It is in my judgment necessary that the Militia of the State should be thoughtfully reorganized, that Maryland may be placed in a position as it becomes her ^{to meet} the existing or any emergency that may arise. In this organization it is