

State Department
June 3rd 1847

Dear Sir

I received to day a letter from the Clerk of the Commissioners of the Tax from your County informing me that no collector has been appointed - I now write to ask the favour of you to ascertain who will act as collector if appointed by me, & what will be the lowest commission which will induce such person to take the appointment - I am sure you will excuse my asking your assistance in this matter -

Col. Jas. J. Blackstone

Very sincerely yours
Thos. G. Pratt

Executive Department
June 24th 1847

Sir

I have received from the British Consul at Baltimore the papers which I now enclose to you - Be pleased to investigate the facts alleged in those papers, & advise me whether I possess any power to punish by dismissal from office or otherwise the parties complained of -

Respt. &c. &c.
Thomas G. Pratt

Geo. B. Richardson Esq.
Attorney Genl.

State Department
June 21st 1847

To Mr. B. Luskett Esq.

Sir

I have received your favour of the 18th inst. requesting a Writ Prosequi to be issued in favour of a Negro Boy accused of Larceny, & you predicate the application upon the ground that the punishment assigned to the offence is that the party should be sold out of the State & that his Master will sell him if the Writ Prosequi is granted - You are fully aware that the object of imposing punishment for the commission of crimes is designed to prevent the recurrence of the offence, a design which you will see would be defeated by adopting the rule "that a Writ Prosequi should be issued whenever the Master is willing to sell the slave committing the offence beyond the limits of the State -"

I regret that I cannot consistently with my sense of duty gratify you in this matter -

Very Respt. &c.
Thos. G. Pratt