

State Department  
Annapolis 11<sup>th</sup> July 1848.

Sir,

Herewith enclosed I have the honor to transmit certain resolutions of the General Assembly of Maryland, tendering its thanks and congratulations to you for your distinguished gallantry displayed in the various engagements in which during the war with Mexico you have participated from the siege and bombardment of Vera Cruz to the surrender of the Capital of that Republic.

The representatives of the people of your native State in the expression of their admiration of your valor and good conduct on the occasions referred to, have but reflected the sentiments of their constituents; and I am happy to be the organ of communicating to you the feelings of pride and pleasure with which your fellow citizens of Maryland regard the honorable distinction you have so well earned.

I have the honor to be very respectfully  
Your obt. servt  
Philip F. Thomas.

Lieut Raphael Semmes, U. S. Navy.

State Department  
Annapolis May 4<sup>th</sup> 1848.

Sir,

The return of the County Commissioners of Worcester County of John Handy Timmons an indigent deaf and dumb white person, under the provisions of the Act of 1827 Chapter 140 and its supplement was duly received at this Department.

Herewith is transmitted an order requesting the President of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf and Dumb at Philadelphia to receive Timmons into that Institution, as a pupil of the State of Maryland.

I am very respectfully  
Your obt. servt  
Philip F. Thomas.

Edmund D. Martin Clerk of Worcester County Court.

State Department  
Annapolis May 4<sup>th</sup> 1848.

To the Rev. Philip F. Mayer D. D. President of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf and Dumb.

Sir,

You will please admit into the Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, as a pupil of the State of Maryland, for the period of five years, or until otherwise ordered, John Handy Timmons aged thirteen years, a deaf mute a native of Worcester County.

I am very respectfully  
Philip F. Thomas.