

Upon these several claims, you will please cause suits to be immediately instituted against the official bonds of the respective delinquents and judgments obtained in the most summary manner.

Be good enough to acknowledge the receipt of the above mentioned accounts, as soon as this shall come to hand.

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

Hon George B. Richardson,
Attorney General }

State Department.
Annapolis 12th October 1848.

Sir.

The special Messenger sent by me to Chestertown to obtain from the clerk of the County the Commission of Francis Cannon as Sheriff has just returned, bringing the Commission.

I shall therefore, expect you, immediately on the receipt of this, to prepare and forward to this department in writing the specific allegations upon which you intend to contest the election of Mr Cannon. You will, also, at the same time furnish a list of such witnesses as you may desire to have summoned.

I deem it my duty to apprise you before the examination of this case is commenced, that the Acts of Assembly authorising the Governor to examine into and decide contested elections of Sheriffs, also directs, that he shall determine which of the parties shall pay the costs of the proceedings and to enforce payment by attachment. I make this statement, in order to avoid all cause of complaint, in case the costs should be adjudged to be paid by you.

I am very respectfully
Your obtt servt
Philip F. Thomas

James H. Edes Esq.

State Department
Annapolis 16th October 1848.

Dear Sir.

The mail of this morning has placed me in the receipt of yours of the 13th ult, as post marked, the date being in blank. In this letter you acknowledge the receipt of the account against Alexander Melburn, and say that suits will be instituted at the next Term of your Court.

My object in forwarding these claims, so long before the meeting of your Court, was, because I believed that the interest of the State required that suits should be immediately instituted. In this view the Treasurer concurred with me. The State, I believe acquires a lien from the impetration of the writ, and it was considered important that the lien should be forthwith obtained. You will be good enough, therefore, as soon as

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