

State Department
 Annapolis 5th February 1849.

My dear Sir

I have this moment been informed that a prize fight, for some time in contemplation between two individuals from the State of New York, is appointed to take place on Wednesday next at Pooles Island within the limits of Maryland.

The dignity of the State, the majesty of her laws and a due regard for public morals render it necessary that the most energetic measures should be promptly taken to prevent the perpetration of this brutal outrage.

I have considered it my duty to request that you will forthwith employ all the means placed in your hands under the laws, through the civil authorities, for the arrest and imprisonment of the principals themselves, their aiders and abettors, to the end that so great an insult to the State and her citizens may be averted. Should it be found impossible to prevent the departure of these persons from Baltimore for the place said to be selected for the hostile meeting, and should the civil police be deemed inadequate to prevent this disgraceful proceeding, I shall upon the receipt of such information from you be ready ^{to place} at your disposal whatever military force may be considered necessary for the maintenance of the laws, provided in your opinion I have the constitutional power to do so.

This will be handed to you by Col Swann who has been selected as special messenger on the occasion.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully

Your obtt servt

Philip F. Thomas.

George B. Richardson Esq
 Attorney General

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Dear Sir.

Mr Green S Etchison whose accounts for money due the State as collector in the 1st district of Montgomery County for the years 1842 & 1844. were placed in your hands for collection, has to day paid in full the balance standing against him on the books of the Treasury for the year 1842.

Under the peculiar circumstances of the case as represented by him, which were also known to the Treasurer, it was considered, proper both by ~~that~~ officer and myself, that the interdict should be remitted. You will therefore be good enough to discontinue the suit upon the bond of Mr Etchison for 1842. as soon as he shall pay to you the costs of suit & the amount of your commissions upon the claim.

I am very respectfully yours &c.

Philip F. Thomas.

Richard S. Bowie Esq. Secy. Atty Gen.