

State Department
Annapolis 8th July 1849

Sir:

Your letter of the 28th June has been received at this Department. The Statement made in my Circular of the sum recently due from you for the years 1845 and 1847 and also for the years 1844 and 1848 correspond precisely with the accounts of the Treasurer and it is presumed that the credits given are correct. This however is not a matter of very great importance as there appears to be but a little difference in the aggregate of the accounts for the four years. The taxes for 1845 & 7 have been due since the 1st of last October. By an act passed at the last session of the Legislature the period for the payment of taxes by Collectors was changed, and under its provisions one third of the taxes for 1848 and all subsequent years fall due on the 1st of January, and two thirds on the 1st of April succeeding the years for which they are levied. The whole amount of taxes in your hands for 1844 & 1847 became due on the 1st of last April. It is manifestly impossible that the credit of the State can be maintained unless payments are made with more punctuality by Collectors in several of the Counties and especially in that in which you reside. I have no objection to institute suits upon the bonds of any officer who manifests a reasonable disposition to discharge his duty. The amount due from you is large and should be speedily reduced. Calculating upon a considerable payment by an early day in September I will for the present delay suits on your bonds. There will be no difficulty in correcting your accounts if there is really any error in them, at whatever time you may visit Annapolis.

I am very respectfully
your obt. Servant
Philip H. Thomas

George W. Ambrose Esquire

State Department
Annapolis 9th July 1849

Sir:

Your Communication without date has been received at this Department. Since it came to hand, the certificate for an additional allowance, to which you refer, has reached the Treasury. The amount will, I understand, be allowed. The Executive has, as you were informed, the power to remit interest, and upon an application from a collector, setting forth any equitable ground for such remission, it is usually done. Such an application is required to be accompanied with an affidavit to the truth of the facts stated, and also that the collector has not collected and will not collect interest from the tax payers. If there is anything in your case to justify me in remitting interest I shall have pleasure in doing so. I hope it will be in your power, at an early day, to visit Annapolis & close your account.

I am respectfully
yours &c
Philip H. Thomas

Edw. Dunder Jr. Esq.