

State Department  
Annapolis 10th July 1849

Your letter of the 5th ultimo reached this Department a few days since, during my absence from the city. You are in error in supposing that the taxes in your hands for collection are not payable before the first of September. The law of the last session changed the period at which public taxes fell due. The taxes for 1844 & 1848 were due two thirds on the first of January last, and the residue on the succeeding first day of April. Relying upon your assurance of payment by the first of September, sent will be delayed on your behalf.

I am very respectfully your obt. Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Philip F. Thomas

John A. Dumbear Esq<sup>r</sup>

State Department  
July 16th 1849

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 9th ultimo reached this Department a few days since during my absence on a business visit to the Eastern Shore. I assure you, Sir, that I have no wish, unnecessarily, to annoy any public officer, or to oppress, in any manner, the tax payers of the State. The taxes in your hands for collection for 1844 & 1848 fell due two thirds on the first of last January, and the residue on the first of the succeeding month of April. As a considerable balance remained unpaid, duty required me to address to you the circular letter which you received. Relying upon you to pay, in a few months, the whole or a large part of your indebtedness, I shall for the present say sent.

I am very respectfully  
your obt. Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Philip F. Thomas

John Sanborn Esq<sup>r</sup>

State Department  
Annapolis 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1849

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 17th ultimo is just received at this Department. In reply I have to state that by an examination of the acts of Assembly referred to in my circular of the 20th of June last and especially to the act of 1845 Chap 203 Sec. 2 you will find that it is made the duty of the Clerks of the Levy Courts and Commissioners of the tax of the several Counties to report to the Governor as well as to the Treasurer the actual impositions of the levy &c. It was with a view to obtain such reports as are required by the law designated in my circular that that paper was sent out. You will, therefore, be good enough to conform to the requirements of the law by reporting the levy to this Department.

I am very respectfully your obt. Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Philip F. Thomas