

State department  
Amazolis 28th August 1849

Sir:

Your account for the quarter ending 1<sup>st</sup> instant, as Inspector at Tobacco Warehouse No 1 has been submitted to me by the Treasurer. In that account you charge yourself with "Cash on hand \$3470.89". In your letter of that date of the 10<sup>th</sup> instant you enclosed as part payment of the above amount \$2000, and state that "there is a balance of \$1470 not yet collected which you will send in a few days." Neither the Treasurer nor myself are aware of any law authorizing credits to be extended to persons having transactions with the State Tobacco Warehouse. Such a practice does not exist to our knowledge, in either of the other inspection houses, nor can it be allowed to continue in yours. I regret to find from an examination of your accounts that this is not the first occasion on which the whole balance of money in your hands has not been remitted simultaneously with the rendition of your quarterly accounts. I now write to request that you will forthwith forward to the Treasurer the balance remaining in your hands and to express a hope that a similar state of things may not again occur.

I am very respectfully  
your obt. servt  
Philip S. Thomas

Cesar A. Gault Esq.  
Inspector at State Tobacco  
Warehouse No 1

State department  
Amazolis 30<sup>th</sup> August 1849

Sir:

Your letter of the 28<sup>th</sup> instant reached here by the mail of yesterday. In reply I have to state, that there is no legal authority for the application of public money to the improvement to which you refer. The whole of the earnings of the Tobacco Inspectors are pledged to the payment of the interest and redemption of the principal of sundry loans heretofore contracted for the building of warehouses &c, and no money can be drawn from the Treasury except by Legislative authority. It is therefore, not in my power to direct the paving of Wood Street or any part of it. If the making of such an improvement is of pressing importance I have no doubt that the Legislature will promptly reimburse the owning property on the same street for an advance of the State's proportion of the necessary expense of making it.

I am very respectfully  
your obt. servt  
Philip S. Thomas

Wm. C. Harrison Esquire