

State Department
Annapolis 24th August 1850

My dear Sir:

Upon my return from Baltimore on yesterday, I found on my table, your letter of the 21st instant referring to the act of December Session 1849 Chapter 461 relating to frauds upon the lottery system of this State, and asking my authority, under the provisions of that law, to the Commissioners of Lotteries for making such contracts as they may deem necessary with the Police of Baltimore, for the detection and punishment of perpetrating such frauds, to be paid out of monies received from stamps or licenses. This will furnish you with full authority from me to make such arrangements as the Commissioners of Lotteries may deem most advisable for carrying into effect the object of the Legislature in the passage of the law above referred to.

I am with great respect
your obt. Servant
Philip S. Thomas

Dr. Mrs. C. Wharton }
Baltimore }

State Department Annapolis Md
27th August 1850

Sir:

You will please admit into the Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind as a pupil of the State of Maryland for the period of eight years, or until otherwise ordered, Rufus S. Brown a native of Alleghany County and an indigent blind boy who has attained the age of nine years.

Very respectfully
your obt. Servant
Philip S. Thomas

William Chapin Esquire
Principal of the Penna
Institution for the instruction of the Blind