

State Department
Annapolis 8th November 1830

Dear Sir:

It appears from the report of the Treasurer made to me in pursuance of law that of slaves due the State from Baltimore County, there stands charged against you on the books of the Treasury a balance for the year 1818 of \$20,426, 34. And for the year 1849 a balance of \$18,825, 91.

I have deemed it my duty to call your attention to the subject in order that you may be apprized of the facts above stated and that your measures may be taken accordingly.

It is proper to state that the report made to me by the Treasurer is of the 1st of May last, no subsequent payments having been reported. I shall be glad to hear from you on the subject at your earliest convenience.

Yours very respectfully
J. ROBT SEYD
Philip F. Thomas

John L. Stricker Esquire

The opinion of John Nelson Esquire upon the acts of delinquency relating to the instruction of the Blind.

By the act of 1827 Chapter 140, the Governor was authorized to draw his warrant on the Treasurer, for one hundred and sixty dollars for each person, who should be returned by the Board of Commissioners of the several Counties, and the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, as indigent deaf and dumb white persons of sound mind, in their respective Counties and cities, who should, with the consent of their parents or guardians, be removed to the Pennsylvania Institution for the deaf and dumb, the three hundred and twenty dollars, to be drawn in any one year for the expenses of instruction as well as those that might be incurred in the transportation and return of the persons instructed, of three thousand five hundred dollars.

By the act of 1834 Chapter 179 provisions were made for the instruction of such indigent blind persons, inhabitants of this State, as might be duly recommended to the Governor by the Justices of the Peace of each County, and of good natural capacity, and unable from their own resources or those of their parents, to obtain instruction for themselves, and an appropriation of one thousand dollars annually, out of the interest upon the surplus funds then belonging to the State, was placed in the power of the Governor to be applied under the limitations prescribed by the act.

Of these limitations, that which confined the benefit of the act to five hundred was contingent, as derived by the act of 1839 Chapter 28, which authorized the application to the instruction of the indigent blind, of an amount exceeding the provision made by the act of 1834, if any surplus should remain of the annual appropriation of three thousand five hundred dollars made by the act of 1827 Chapter 140 for the instruction of the deaf and dumb after paying the

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