

Note - appended to the Circular addressed to Mr Werns
Inspector of Tobacco at warehouse No. 3.

The Governor has heard that you have introduced an entirely new set of hands, retaining none of the old, in accordance with the policy set forth in the above circular. The Governor apprehends that that may possibly, have given rise to the dissatisfaction expressed by the trade. He was clearly under the impression that, in the interview which he had with you at Col. Parks some time ago, this whole question had been fully considered, and the mode of proceeding, matured. The Governor hopes that you will carry out the suggestions contained in the above circular. If, in your judgement, you can get along, with present arrangements, in your warehouse, the Governor will be ^{the} better pleased. If, on the other hand, it is necessary to have some of the old hands for a time, then pursue the general policy indicated in the circular.

Executive Department
Annapolis.
April 9th 1852

Rich^d B. Carmichael, Esqr.

My dear Sir:

An Act of the General Assembly, has just passed, appropriating \$1000 for the payment of the reward offered in the Corder Case, but making no provision for the appointment of a Commissioner, as suggested by me, in a special message which I sent in, upon that subject. It will however, be impossible for me to decide upon the various conflicting claims, which, I understood, will be made by citizens of Kent and Cecil Counties; and I therefore desire to avail myself of your assistance, if you can find it compatible with your views & leisure. Your decision as Commissioner can not be final (much to my regret) inasmuch as the duty of deciding falls upon me, the Legislature having refused to authorize the arbitration of a Commissioner. Upon your report, consequently, I will still have to act: of course, I should be unwilling to go behind the report, & would not do so, but for the strongest, and therefore

Letter of the
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