

Office of Secretary of State  
Annapolis May 18<sup>th</sup> 1855

Hon Mr J. Wyle, Comptroller

Dr Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that your favor of date 16<sup>th</sup> inst. relating to the complaint of "Agents of Foreign Insurance Companies, carrying on business in the City of Baltimore - under license issued in pursuance of Ch. 357 of 1846," and suggesting that you should send one of your clerks to the City of Baltimore with a view to the correction of an alleged & an alleged practice of violating the Statute above mentioned has been received & contents considered on the Governor & I am directed by him to say in compliance with your suggestion that the reasonable expenses of your clerk in that behalf will be authorized by him to be paid from the Contingent Fund.

Very Respectfully  
Yours Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Nathaniel Cox  
Secy. of State.

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to James Higgins

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you, that in consequence of your name failing to qualify within the time prescribed by Statute the writ of the Superior Court of Baltimore City was returned your Commission, as Agricultural Chemist for the State, to the Clerk. By the Act of 1852 Ch. 172 this neglect is to be taken as a refusal to accept the Office, and of course devolves upon the Governor of making a new appointment.

Very Respectfully  
Yours Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Nathaniel Cox  
Secretary of State

Note - a letter similar to the above was (some day) sent to Michael McBlain, Commissioner of Stamps