

in writing, to give it reasonable time to make answer as  
appears to His Excellency, in his power please let the  
matter stand for a short time, as I am just recovering from  
an attack of sickness for the last two weeks & it shall  
not be over longed than the 15<sup>th</sup> of January next 1855 at which  
time the matter shall be properly attended to.

Yours Very Respectfully  
J. H. Brown of C.

To  
Mr. Nathaniel Cox  
Secretary of State  
Annapolis, Md.

P.S. Any communication before the 15<sup>th</sup> of Jan. 1855 direct  
letter to Brandywine, P. G. County, Md. J. H. B. of C.

Executive Department  
Annapolis, March 8<sup>th</sup> 1855

Daniel C. Dugges Esq.  
State Attorney for Somerset County -

Dear Sir:

I write at the in-  
stance of the Governor to inform you that unless Mr. Osborn  
late collector of Taxes shall adjust & settle his accounts  
with the Treasury Department of the State he desires that  
you shall, at the approaching term of the Circuit Court  
for your County, proceed against him by an information in  
the nature of a Quo Warranto for the purpose of ascertaining  
by judicial inquiry his eligibility, under the Constitution to  
the Office of Sheriff.

You will please communicate with the  
Comptroller of the Treasury from whom may be obtained  
a statement of all the necessary facts whereupon to predi-  
cate the application, may be obtained. Do not fail to at-  
tend to the earliest sitting of Court for the purposes of  
this inquiry.

I have the honor to be

Yours &c. &c.

Nathaniel Cox  
Secretary of State.

Note - A letter was rec<sup>d</sup> from Dan<sup>l</sup> C. Dugges Esq. State Atty Gen.  
acknowledging the receipt of the above & stating that the  
question of eligibility should be tested at the first sitting of  
the Cir. Ct. for S. County as per letter on file dated Feb 9<sup>th</sup> 1855