

Dismissal of the information is dismissed upon payment of the principal of the Tax then due by the defendant. The provision is similar to the legislation at its best system to be relieved from the payment of the interest which relief the State has often granted to the debtors.

Whether this relief should be relieved by the Legislature is in my opinion a very grave question & is one on which I do not profess to express any decided opinion - It is a matter I presume entirely on the Competency of the Legislature & there I am willing to leave it.

With high respect  
Wm. H. Sear  
Daniel C. Briggs  
State Atty for  
D. C. County

State of Maryland  
Office of the Secretary of State  
Annapolis July 1<sup>st</sup> 1855

Daniel C. Briggs Esq  
State Atty for Prince Georges County

Sir:  
Your letter of 30<sup>th</sup> Ult. reached this office in the absence of the Governor but was submitted to him on his return this morning & I have the honor by his direction to reply, that he must decline any interference with the course of proceedings commenced against Sheriff Osborne.

Any adjustment of the matter short of a payment in full of all claims standing against him upon the books of the Treasury leaves the matter precisely as it stood in commencement as far as the eligibility of Mr. Osborne to the office of Sheriff is concerned. His proposition therefore to pay into the Treasury by the 20<sup>th</sup> proximo all arrears now due by such for taxes exclusive of interest it seems to the Governor would not if accepted remove the difficulty of his case inasmuch as it would leave him still in arrear.

The Governor therefore declines to direct you to enter a dismissal of the information heretofore filed against him.

Very Respectfully  
Wm. H. Sear  
Nathaniel Wood  
Secretary of State

Wheaton, Geo. Co. Md.  
Thomas Watkins Esq  
Governor of Maryland

Sir:  
The Editor of the General Assembly of Maryland proposes to use a newspaper a company, to build a turnpike road from