

assessors and collectors. And any such state, Territory or District, which shall give notice by the Governor or other proper officer thereof, to the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, on or before the second Tuesday of February next, of its intention to assume and pay, or to assess, collect and pay into the Treasury of the United States, the direct tax imposed by this act, shall be entitled to a deduction of fifteen per centum on the quota of direct tax apportioned to such state. Provided, That the deduction shall only be made to apply to such part or parts of the same as shall have been actually paid into the Treasury of the United States, on or before the last day of June, in the year to which such payment relates.

Will you inform me at the earliest practicable period whether the authorities of Maryland will assume and pay the amount of direct tax apportioned to that state by the existing law; and also, whether in case of any change in the law by which a different and perhaps larger amount shall be appointed to the state, the authorities will probably assume and pay it.

I am

Very Respectfully

S. Chase

Secretary of the Treasury

This is by

Thomas H. Hicks

Governor of the State of Maryland

Baltimore

Dec, 7th / 861

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The Governor,

Dear Sir,

The Case of Myers against the State of Pennsylvania, stands on the Trial Docket of the present Term of the Supreme Court, U. S. In the present posture of our political relations, is it not inexpedient to press it to a decision? I am of that opinion. Should you coincide with me, I would respectfully suggest a communication to the Governor of Pennsylvania proposing its continuance by Consent. Myers is at large & can therefore suffer no personal inconvenience. I have yet as you know received no compensation for professional services rendered in this case. Can you with propriety aid me in obtaining it at the present session of the Legislature?

I have the honor to be
with great respect
your exceedingly obedient servant
J. Meredith