

you whilst such default continues.

Very Respny.

Your obt. Servt.

Mrs. M. Carter

Private Secretary

Same day similar notices sent to John Coulson, Mr. A. Taylor, Saml. W. Gover, John B. Cannon, George L. Harrison, James R. Chaney, Mr. Hamilton, George Gibson, Edward L. Thomas, Mr. D. Lewis, John D. Hardy, A. C. N. Matthews Richard Common Chas. Egerton Jr.

Hagerstown February 22nd 1862

To His Excellency

Gov. Bradford,

Sir:

Mr. Barber, the present Notary of this place, shew me a letter from your Department, stating that he had not made any return to the Treasury Department of the State for some time.

He informs me that it has been his custom to report but once a year, and that he did report up to June last, and has been under the impression that a report once a year was all sufficient, inasmuch as the State derived no revenue from his office. — Suppose he were to report at the end of the first half of the fiscal year, and he should have any sum over \$125, and should pay that surplus into the Treasury, and at the close of the second half of the fiscal year he should be under, more than that surplus, would he not have to wait the tardy action of the Legislature to refund him what he had overpaid?

I am very sure that Mr. Barber's failure to report on the first of December last, arose from inadvertence alone; for there is no more upright man in Maryland than he, and very few more worthy.

Very Respectfully

Isaac Nesbitt

State of Maryland

Secretary's Office

Annapolis Feb. 25th 1862

Isaac Nesbitt Esq.

Dear Sir

Yours of 22nd Inst. in reference to Mr. Barber's report as Notary is received. — If he has reported as you say annually and his last report is to June 1861. I agree with you in the opinion that he is not properly speaking in default. — I had arrived at that