

the case in nearly all offices of a Civil or Military character antecedently created.

I might mention several reasons which, with great deference to the opinion expressed by you, compel me to differ from you, but the suggestions I have made, directed as they are, chiefly against the particular arguments you present, seem to me sufficient for the purpose, and I am not but think that on a reconsideration of the subject you will take a different view of it.

Being unable therefore to adopt your conclusions, and believing that the concurrence of the Senate is necessary in such nominations, I am constrained to consider all Commissions of this kind issued during the recess, afterwards reported to the Senate and on which the Senate fails to act, as expiring on its adjournment.

Yours very Respectfully  
A. W. Bradford

County Commissioners Office  
Hagerstown April 28<sup>th</sup> 1862

To His Excellency A. W. Bradford,  
Honored Sir

Not knowing to whom I shall address for the purpose of procuring some standard weights & measures of which we are deficient in some of them, I have taken the liberty to enquire of you who is the proper person to whom application should be made for them.

Your obt. Servt.  
John L. Smith Clerk  
to County Comms of  
Washington County

State of Maryland  
Executive Chamber  
Annapolis April 30<sup>th</sup> 1862

John L. Smith, Esq.  
Clerk to County Comms of  
Sir

In reply to the enquiry contained in your note of 28<sup>th</sup> Inst. as to how you are to be supplied with certain standard weights & measures in which you are deficient, I can only say that by Resolution passed at the Session of Genl. Assembly of 1842 the Governor was directed to furnish each County with one standard of weights and measures received by this State