

from the United States, and I presume that Washington Counters with others was then supplied; If any of them have been since lost or destroyed it seems to me the County authorities through the Keeper of the Weights (whom they are required by the Code to appoint) should procure others, and he I think, may exercise his discretion in providing them, seeing however that they are tested by the weights and measures used at the Custom House in Baltimore with which the Code requires them to conform.

I am not aware of any mode particularly provided to supply required weights, nor any legislation on the subject since the resolution of 1842, and the mode I have suggested is the only one that occurs to me

Yours Respectfully  
A. W. Bradford

Commissioner's Office  
Cambridge Md. April 29<sup>th</sup> 1862

John M. Carter Esq.

Dear Sir:

Your letter dated April 23<sup>rd</sup> was received on the night of the 28<sup>th</sup> calling my attention to Sections 38 & 39 of Article 81 of Code of Public General Laws in relation to Collectors of State Tax for Dorchester County. In reply I have to state there is no vacancy to be filled. The Collectors for Dorchester bond in June prior to the making of our annual levy in the latter part of that month, and at present there is no appointment to make. I hope this explanation will answer.

Yours Respectfully  
John J. Jackson  
Clk. Com. Dorchester County

State of Maryland  
Executive Chamber  
Annapolis May 2<sup>nd</sup> 1862

John J. Jackson Esq.  
Clk. to Coms. Dorchester County

Sir:

I have just read yours of 29<sup>th</sup> sent to the Private Secretary (Mr. Carter) in reply to his calling your attention to the duty of appointing a Collector of State Taxes - you say that there is "no vacancy to be filled" and "at present no appointment to make" - From this I fear you may not have clearly understood the purport of his letter.