

a difficulty in the way of an immediate appointment of Collector of Taxes, that according to your invariable custom your County way is not made until June, and that if you were to appoint a Collector before that time you could not know how to regulate the receipt of his Bond &c. Now you confound, it seems to me, the Collector of County and State Taxes and the apparent difficulty you suggest exists only from this confusion. There is no necessary connection whatever between the two offices - you can appoint the Collector of your County Tax at any time the County authorities may deem most convenient nor have I any right to interfere in this appointment though you may delay it ever so long - But the Acts of Assembly require that the Collector of the State Tax should be appointed by a given day, and if not then appointed it is made the duty of the Governor to provide such a Collector.

The object is that the revenue for the year should be collected and paid into the Treasury without loss of time, and the difficulties you suggest when considered in this connection do not at all apply; for we know that 25¢ in the hundred Dollars is required to be levied for the State Tax and the amount of penalty can be easily ascertained when you ascertain the whole amt. of the State Tax for your County which can be done at once by referring to the amount of the assessed value of the property of the County.

I hope therefore your Commissioners will lose no time in levying this amt of State Tax and appointing some one to collect it. The time is already past when it is made my duty to appoint, and I must exercise the power unless the Commissioners do so very shortly.

Yours Respy.
A. W. Bradford

State of Maryland.
Executive Chamber
Annapolis May 6th 1852.

Capt. Cadwallader Ringgold
of U. S. Navy.

Sir:

I have just been furnished with a copy of a Resolution adopted by the General Assembly of Maryland at its late session tendering to you and to the officers and crew of the U. S. Frigate Sabine the thanks of the Legislature for your gallant and humane services in rescuing from the wreck of the steamer Governor in November last a Detachment of 400 men on the way from Fortress Monroe to Port Royal.

It gives me great pleasure to enclose to you a copy of this Resolution expressive as I feel assured it is, of the unanimous sentiment of our community of your