

is not among the least of the remarkable wonders which "the history of the past two years" has developed —

Fortunate indeed may you and your congregation be considered, if this War imposes on them no burden more serious than the one of which you complain, and that whilst "intent solely upon maintaining the truth and purity of Christian doctrine" you encounter no other interruption of that religious enjoyment, than the necessity of turning your eyes upon that "May and witnessing the efforts of those intent upon maintaining its supremacy and the truth and purity and very existence of all popular Institutions.

Very Respectfully  
Your obt. Servt.

A. W. Bradford

State of Maryland  
Executive Department  
Annapolis May 1<sup>st</sup> 1863

John A. Thompson Esq.  
Register of the City of Baltimore  
Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to call your attention to the 38<sup>th</sup> Sec. of 81<sup>st</sup> Article of Code of Genl. Laws which makes it the duty of the Register to inform the Governor by the 20<sup>th</sup> of April whether collectors of State Tax for the current year have been appointed; and to the succeeding section which requires the Governor to make such appointment if not made by the City authorities, and the appointee qualified by the 1<sup>st</sup> of May —

Having received no information from you of the appointment and qualification of such officers, the Governor will proceed to make such appointment unless he receives such information by the 10<sup>th</sup> Inst.

Very Respy  
Your obt. Servt.

John M. Carter  
Private Secretary

A copy of the above Circular (mutatis mutandis) was sent to the Clerks of the Commissioners of the Counties of Charles, Dorchester, Howard, Prince Georges, Queen Annes, Somerset, Talbot, Washington and Worcester, — they having likewise neglected to inform the Governor of the appointment of collectors of the State Tax for their respective Counties

J. M. C.