

Governor, and the report of the Treasurer is a subject of profound congratulation. While it has been the privilege of my distinguished predecessor, by his assiduity, firmness and ability to rescue Maryland from the vortex of insolvency in which he found her engulfed, and to elevate her to that proud position before the world which the character of her people entitles her to occupy, it will be my more humble aim to discharge the functions of the Executive office with such fidelity as to insure stability to the revenues, inspire increased confidence in the honor and integrity of the State, and to prevent the possibility of a relapse to her former cheerless and degrading condition.

That there are defects and inequalities in the existing system of taxation, I entertain no doubt. Unless, however, there is a manifest redundancy of revenue, neither wisdom, prudence, or good faith would warrant a repeal or modification of any of its provisions, until plans, equally efficacious, can be matured, and immediately substituted.

Should there be the least reason to apprehend a deficiency in the income of the Treasury, or a doubt as to its ability to discharge with punctuality, the accruing interest on the public debt, it will be your duty as doubtless it will be your greatest pleasure, promptly to afford supplies necessary to avert the recurrence of a catastrophe pregnant with disaster to the character of the State; - and I beg to offer the assurance, that it will be to me a source of the highest gratification, to co-operate with you in the consummation of all measures, calculated to establish on a firmer basis, the public credit, and to promote the welfare and happiness of our common constituency.

January 4th 1848.

This day the Governor nominated to the Senate Richard C. Hollyday of Cecil County as Secretary of State.

The Governor received a communication from the Senate, informing him that the Senate advised and consented to the appointment of Richard C. Hollyday to be Secretary of State.

The Governor issued a Commission to Richard C. Hollyday as Secretary of State. Who appeared in the Executive Chamber and qualified by taking the oaths of office prescribed by law and required by the Constitution.

The Governor issued Military Commissions to Henry M. Warfield as 1st Lieutenant and to John F. Lyette as 3rd Lieutenant of the Mechanical Volunteers attached to the 5th Regiment of Volunteer Infantry of Maryland Militia.

January 5th 1848.

This day the Governor sent the following communication to the House of Delegates.

State Department

January 5th 1848.

To the House of Delegates.

I herewith transmit a statement of the clerk of Harford County Court, shewing who have qualified under their several commissions