

February 7th 1848.

This day the Governor nominated to the Senate the List of Civil Appointments for Charles County, Anne Arundel County and Howard District.

The Governor sent the following communication to the Senate.

State Department

February 7th 1848.

To the Senate.

I received several days since, the accompanying letter from Washington Hopper, who was commissioned on the 21st of July 1847, to take rank from the 4th of May of that year, as 1st Lieutenant "Mechanical Volunteers" attached to the Battalion commanded by Col George H. Hughes, now serving in Mexico. Lt Hopper states that his commission has been lost, and requests that a new commission may be forwarded to him.

In the absence both of precedent and legal provisions to meet this case I directed the Adjutant General of this State to address a letter to the Adjutant General of the United States Army, asking to be informed of the practice of the Government in similar cases. The reply of that Officer has been received, and is herewith transmitted. He states, as will be perceived by his letter that, "it would be proper for the present Governor of Maryland to issue a new commission, giving the officer the same rank and date which he held under the commission of the late Governor Pratt: or a certified copy of the commission would suffice". Reluctant, however, to take any action in a matter un sanctioned by either precedent or law, without the knowledge of the Senate, I have deemed it proper to submit, as I now do, the subject for your consideration and advice.

Philip F. Thomas.

The Governor issued the following Order to the Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Maryland Militia
Annapolis February 7th 1848.

To John N. Watkins
Adjutant General.

Sir.

Upon the receipt of this Order you will forthwith issue an order to the several commanding Officers of Regiments in the City of Baltimore to which public arms and equipments have been delivered, requiring them to return to the Armory at Annapolis all such arms and equipments belonging to the State as may now be in their possession and not required for the use of companies organized according to law, within their respective commands.

Philip F. Thomas.

Commander in Chief M. M.

February 9th 1848.

This day the Governor received communication from the Senate informing him that the Senate advised and consented to the Military nominations made by him to the 3rd dist. and also that the Senate advised and consented to the nomination of civil appointments for Prince Georges County. Commissions were accordingly issued to the Military Officers whose nominations had been confirmed, and to the several Justices of the Orphans Court.