

Circular

Addressed to The Hon. A. A. Spencer, John B. Bickett & Edward
N. Hambleton -

State Department March 26th 1845

By the Act of the last Legislature in reference to the collection of the State taxes, the Governor is directed on or after the first day of May next, to appoint a Collector of the State tax for each of the Counties as shall neglect or refuse to appoint a Collector who shall have bounded by that day.

Under this law, the Governor is not restricted in his appointment to the County within which the tax is to be collected -

A confident belief is now entertained that the existing tax laws properly enforced, will enable the State in a short time to resume the payment of ^{her} liabilities & thereby wipe off the foul stain which now rests upon her honour & credit. I need not assure you to whom I have been so long known, that all & every authority with which the law has clothed me, shall be firmly exercised to insure the execution of the revenue laws of the State & the consequent restoration of the State's credit. I have long since known the deep interest you have always felt in the restoration of the credit of the State & the modification to which you have been subjected, by the non payment of the public tax by your County. I know therefore that you will readily afford me your advice & assistance in the discharge of the duty imposed upon me by the law above referred to -

I would much prefer that the County Authorities should appoint a Collector; & I would therefore suggest to you, that in conjunction with all good citizens of your County, you should insist upon the appointment by the proper Authorities of some suitable person before the first day of May -

In the event that it should be impossible to induce the Authorities of your County, to make such an appointment, I would ask the favour of you to ascertain & inform me whether there is any one known to you in your County who would serve if appointed by me. I feel anxious if possible to avoid making the appointment out of the County -

By devoting some of your time & attention to this important subject, you will be performing an important service to the State, which will be ever remembered by -

Your obt. Servant

Thos. G. Pratt