

State Department
Annapolis 24th May 1848.

Sir

The Treasurer having pursuant to Law made his report to me of the outstanding balances due from the several collectors of State Taxes, I was about to address you a letter in reference to the claims in your hands as Deputy Attorney General for Queen Anne's County, against Samuel Dunbracco. By that report the balance due from Mr Dunbracco on the 15th of this month, exclusive of interest is stated to be \$828.88cts. Supposing it however probable that under the indulgence extended by Governor Pratt in his letter to you of the 28th of September last Mr Dunbracco might have paid over the whole or a part of the balance due, I called this morning at the Treasury to inform myself on the subject, before writing.

The Treasurer handed me your letter of the 19th ult which had just come to hand, admitting \$209.95cts in part of the claims against Dunbracco and stating that the balance would be paid by Harvest. The very large payments to be met by the Treasury on the 1st of October render it necessary that every dollar which it can command should be promptly collected and paid in.

It is important in order to prevent a failure to meet the October payments that the resources of the State should be certainly ascertained by the first of September, with a view to supply, by other arrangements any deficit in the ordinary means of the Treasury, which may arise. Under these circumstances I have deemed it my duty in this and all similar cases, to request that you will take such steps as will insure the collection of the balance due from Dunbracco, and its payment into the Treasury by the first of September. I do not, however, desire that he should be put to the cost of an execution immediately unless in your judgement there is good reason to believe, that the money cannot be made with certainty by the period above designated, in any other manner than by such process.

I am very respectfully your obt servt
Philip F. Thomas.

To Albert J. Emory Esq.

Deputy Attorney General for Queen Anne's County.

State Department
Annapolis 25th May 1848.

Sir

By the mail of to day I am in the receipt of your letter of the 24th ult, in reference to the condition of the Eastern Hay Scales. Before giving any instruction for the repair of the Scales and premises attached to them, it will be necessary that an estimate should be furnished of the probable cost of such repairs. The amount received into the Treasury during the last fiscal year from the Eastern Scales was some \$370. It would not in my opinion, be proper to exceed that sum or at all events, the amount which will be received from the Scales in the present year.

You will be good enough to furnish me, at your earliest convenience with an estimate of the probable cost of the necessary repairs, and you shall immediately upon its receipt hear from me on the subject.

I am very respectfully your obt servt
Philip F. Thomas.

Thomas Esq.