

State Department
Annapolis 9th June 1848.

Dear Sir.

Your favor of the 6th ult reached here by the mail of the day before yesterday. I entirely concur in the view you have taken in reference to the compensation of Myers. He is certainly entitled to no more than a pro rata allowance, beginning from the time of his qualification.

The question is by no means a new one, the practice of the State has always been to pay only a proportion of an annual salary to a newly appointed officer, reckoning from the date of qualification.

I am very respectfully
Your obt servant
Philip F. Thomas.

Dr John J. Graves.

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Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st May, containing certificates of Dr Stevenson, Samuel Kirk and Edward Morgan in reference to Sarah Elizabeth Morgan a deaf mute of the City of Baltimore.

By the Act of Assembly of 1827 chap 140. and its supplements, to wit. 1833 chap 125. and 1834 chap 169. it is made the duty of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore "to enquire into and make return on the first Monday of May annually of the names of all indigent deaf and dumb white persons of sound mind &c. to the Governor of the State". It is only upon such authority, that the Governor is authorized to draw on the Treasury for the amount of the semi-annual charge for the education of indigent deaf and dumb persons by the State at the Pennsylvania Institution.

When I conversed with you in Baltimore, a few days since, I thought it would be in my power to give an order for the reception of Miss Morgan into ^{the Institution} upon a report from yourself as Mayor of the City. Subsequent reflection and examination have convinced me that I was in error, and that the requisition of the law in regard to the source from which the report is directed to emanate, must be complied with. It has not been the practice to regard the time designated in the Law for making the report as essential. Whenever it may be in your power to forward a report from the "Mayor and City Council" in regard to the condition age and circumstances of Miss Morgan, it will give me pleasure to transmit the necessary authority for her reception in the Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf and Dumb.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your obt servant
Philip F. Thomas

Jacob G. Davis Esq
Mayor of Baltimore City }.