

State Department  
Annapolis 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1848.

Dear Sir

Herewith enclosed you will find two accounts for money due the State from John W. Wilburn one of the collectors of the tax in Calvert County for the years 1842 & 1846.

The account of 1842 is for a balance of \$417.20.5 with interest from 1<sup>st</sup> October 1847. That for 1846 is for a balance of \$1,333.42.5 with interest from 1<sup>st</sup> October 1847.

For the collection of both these claims you will be good enough to institute suit upon Wilburns official bond at the ensuing Term of Calvert County Court; and you will also please acknowledge the receipt of the above named account as soon as this shall come to hand.

I am very respectfully

Your obt. servt.

Philip F. Thomas.

James Doyle Esq  
Deputy Attorney General for Calvert County.

State Department  
Annapolis 25<sup>th</sup> Sept 1848.

Sir

I had the honor to receive, by the mail of this morning, a communication from the Officers and Directors of the Washington County Bank, referring to an application heretofore filed in this Department, for the pardon of George M. Stewart, a convict in the Maryland Penitentiary and requesting that my actions on the applications might be suspended, until the community in which the Bank is situated could be heard from on the subject.

I regret very much, that it is not now in my power to comply with the request thus made, for the reason that Stewart has already been pardoned and released from the Penitentiary.

It is due however, alike to the Bank, the community of Washington County, and to myself, that the reasons upon which I have acted, should be made known; and for this purpose I shall forward with this all the papers which were filed in the case and upon which my judgment was formed; and I flatter myself that upon their perusal, you will be brought to the same conclusions to which my mind was conducted.

These papers, consist of a letter from the Revd Dr Wyatt with certificates from the Officers of the Penitentiary and a letter from Mr Dretton, a member of the Baltimore Bar.

Dr Wyatt assures me of the entire reformation of the prisoner, manifested by his professions and by a course of conduct, for the four years preceding his release, which to human judgment must be considered as conclusive evidence of sincere and lasting penitence. He also assures me that in case of his release, such employment will be immediately provided for him, as will remove all inducements for a return to his former habits of life. This latter assurance has been, as I am since informed fully complied with.

Upon this statement made by a gentleman on whose character I was sure I could rely, I concluded that the ends and purposes of the law had, in the case of