

Steward been fully accomplished and that I should be clearly justified in the exercise of the pardoning prerogative. I therefore immediately granted the pardon.

You will do me the favor to return the papers herewith sent, at as early a period after you have perused them, as may be convenient.

I am very respectfully

Your obtt servt

Philip F. Thomas.

Hon. J. Weisel.

State Department.

Annapolis 4th October 1848.

Dear Sir.

Herewith enclosed you will receive two accounts for money due the State from William O Chappell Collector of Taxes in the 4th district of Montgomery County for the years 1846 & 1847. The account for 1846 is for a balance of \$1,665.15cts with interest from 1st October 1847. that for 1847 is for \$3,181.40 cts with interest from 1st October 1848 being the entire amount of Tax placed in his hands for collection, less a credit of \$28.89 cts for insolvencies. Upon these claims you will please institute suits against the official bonds of Chappell at the ensuing Term of your County Court.

I also herewith enclose two accounts for money due the State from Richard P. Anderson now deceased late collector of Taxes in district No. 5. of Montgomery County for the years 1845 & 1846. the one amounting to \$460.41 cts with interest from 3rd December 1846. the other to \$1,184.54 cts with interest from 7th October 1847. In your letter to Mr Hollyday of the 8th of July last referring to these claims, you say: "Mr Dowie Adm^r of Anderson desires me to say, that Thomas L. F. Higgins who was the Deputy of Anderson, has given bond to the State for the collection and payment of the arrears due from Anderson, and Mr D. hopes the Governor will put his bond in suit, if he fails to pay up by the 1st of September." The Treasurer has never received a copy of the bond referred to, nor have either of us any knowledge of the transactions. The matter is therefore, left to your judgement, either to proceed against Anderson's bonds or upon that of Higgins or both, as you may deem best.

You will be good enough to acknowledge the receipt of the above mentioned several claims as soon as this comes to hand.

I am very respectfully

Your obtt servt.

Philip F. Thomas.

Richard J Dowie Esq.
Deputy Attorney General
for Montgomery County