

to assure you, that the sentiments embodied in these resolutions have com-
-manded my most hearty and cordial concurrence.

I have the honor to be

with great respect

Your oldt servt

Philip F. Thomas.

George Peabody Esq.

State Department
Annapolis 29th Nov. 1848.

Dear Sir,

The papers containing an application from sundry citizens of
Talbot County asking me to request your attendance at the County Court of that County
now in session for the purpose of conducting the prosecution of certain persons indicted
for aiding the escape of slaves have been received by the mail of this morning.

I stated to you on board the steam Boat yesterday, that in the event of
the reception of the papers above referred to, you might consider yourself as acting in
the premises by my request. I now therefore, have deemed it proper to say to you
that these papers are in my possession and to repeat the substance of our conversa-
-tion of yesterday by asking you to consider yourself as concerned in the cases of the
State vs Works & others by my particular request.

I am very respectfully

Yours &c.

Philip F. Thomas.

George P. Richardson Esq.

State Department
Annapolis 13th December 1848.

Dear Sir,

The enclosed advertisements were clipped from a News-paper and
sent to me by a gentleman in the City of Baltimore, who feels an interest in the proper
observance of the revenue laws of the State.

As the names of those who are subscribers to the advertisements are, I am infor-
-med, acting under a special license for which they have paid \$300. This license author-
-izes them to sell only, furniture and wearing apparel, lands, lots of ground and
tenements, servants and slaves, carriages and horses, books, stationery, maps and
prints, jewelry, watches, tin ware, guns, pistols, lamps, candlesticks and mechanics tools"
see Act of 1827 Ch III. 1828 Ch 148. collected in Dorsey's Laws Vol 2 Page 1433 &c.

It appears by the advertisements above referred to, and which I herewith send
you, that the subscribers are exceeding the authority granted to them as Auctioneers in
frustration of the revenue of the State.

By section 18 of the Act of 1827 Ch III it is made the duty of the Treasurer
upon the receipt of information of the violation of the auction laws to direct the Attor-
-ney General to prosecute for the penalties mentioned in that Act.

The entire time of the Treasurer is now so absorbed in the preparations of his
annual report that he has not found leisure to communicate with you or this