

I am your most obedient servant
(Signed) George W. Dobbin
Post.

State Department
Annapolis 26th March 1849

Dear Sir

It proper discharge of my official duty requires me again to address you on the subject of the balance on your accounts as collector of State Taxes in Queen Anne's County for the years 1845 and 1847. The balance for the former year is still \$309.48 exclusive of interest, being precisely the sum reported due on the 15th of last May as stated in my circular of the succeeding month of June. The sum now remaining due for the year 1847, including interest, is \$5,435.42, \$3,230, having been paid since the 15th of May. The whole amount of the levy for that year was \$9,977.48 of which \$4,542.01 has been paid, a sum short of one half of the levy by several hundred dollars. From the tenor of your letter to me of the 20th of August I inferred that the balance standing against you for 1845, would have been settled long before this period as there appeared to be no other impediment in the way than the allowance by the Key Court of your credits for non residents and indolents. I also concluded from the same letter that the taxes in your hands for 1847 would be speedily reduced to "a low figure". In that letter after assigning as a reason for the delay in your payments, the failure of the wheat crop of the former year, the low price of corn and consequent scarcity of money you say "The reasons heretofore, for not paying, now and hereafter, will not exist, as we have a fine crop of wheat, and money has already become more plenty;" and again "I feel convinced that I shall soon be able to reduce my bond to quite a low figure". The results which I expected to follow from such a state of things have not, in the case of your accounts, been realized. They have however, been made to appear in the collections and payments of Mr. Betts collector for the year 1848. The levy for that year was \$9,909.73 and the whole balance due the Treasury from him is \$3,011.41. I have I assure you, no disposition to press any public officer unnecessarily. The credit of the State can only be maintained by promptness on the part of those who are appointed to collect her revenues, and I have to request that you will, at an early day, make such remittances as will place you on a footing with other officers on whose bonds and emts have been withheld.

I am very respectfully
Yours obedt Servant
Philip F. Thomas

To John K. Driver Esq