

State Department,  
Annapolis 30<sup>th</sup> March 1849

Sir:

In the month of June last I addressed you a circular letter calling your attention to the balance standing against you on the books of the Treasury as collector in the Special Collection Decree of Anne Arundel County. No reply has ever been received to that communication nor has one dollar been paid since that period by you. I have now to inform you that unless your accounts are settled in the early part of next week, I shall place the claim in the hands of the Deputy of the Attorney General for this County, and order sent to be satisfied on your official bond.

I am very respectfully  
your Obedt Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Philip S. Thomas

William Gardner Esq<sup>r</sup>

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My dear Sir:

Your letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> ultimo referring to the case of an indigent deaf mute at the Almshouse of Baltimore City and County whom the Trustees desire to place at the Pennsylvania Institution, and enquiring whether Baltimore City and County are entitled to furnish an additional person of that description, to be educated at the expense of the State, reached here by the mail of this morning. In reply I have to state, that the number of pupils authorized to be educated at the expense of the State by the act of 1827 and its several supplements, is limited to twenty, of which number 16 are now at the institution. Of these, the City of Baltimore has four and Baltimore County one. Of the person referred to in your letter belongs properly to the city, there is certainly no vacancy, and there will not be for many years. Several of the Counties of the State have not availed themselves of the provision of the act of 1827. If the Commissioners of Baltimore County think proper to select the deaf mute to whom you refer, at the period designated in the law, and the Counties, which are now without a pupil at the institution, fail to report, I suppose there would not be much difficulty in selecting the individual to whom your letter has reference. The acts upon the subject are Chap: 140 of 1827 - Chap: 120 of 1833 - Chap: 169 of 1834 - Chap: 28 of 1839 & Chap: 264 of 1841.

I am very truly  
Yours &c  
Philip S. Thomas

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