

State Department, Annapolis, September 1849

Dear Sir:

I have duly received your letter of yesterday informing me that there is a difficulty in making out the records of Baltimore city court in as much as the Court have received no official notification that the resignation of Judge Worthington has been accepted, and they cannot therefore tell whether his name should be inserted or not as a judge of the Court and requesting me to cause official notification of the fact to be forwarded to the Court. In reply I have to state that the letter of Judge Worthington resigning the office of associate judge of Baltimore city court dated June 21st 1849 reached here on the 5th of the same month and was immediately entered upon the records of this Department and the original itself filed among the archives of the State in this office. I am not aware of any Constitutional or legal provision authorizing the Governor of this State either to accept or reject the resignation of a judge nor is it made his duty to inform the Court of the resignation of such an officer. Such a practice has never prevailed in this Department. Under the provisions of the act of December Session 1844 Chap. 245 upon the happening of a vacancy in the bench of Baltimore city court that tribunal was to be constituted of two judges. But for this law, I should have proceeded immediately upon the receipt of Judge Worthington's resignation to appoint a person to fill the vacancy. As however, by that law the office itself was abolished nothing remained for me to do, but to file and record the letter of resignation which was accordingly done.

I am with great respect
 your obt. servt.
 Philip L. Thomas

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Secretary's office
 Annapolis Sept. 18. 1849

Sir

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to inform you that he has appointed George Read Riddle Esquire of this place, a Commissioner on the part of Delaware to act in conjunction with the Commissioners already appointed on the part of Pennsylvania and Maryland for the purpose of fixing a boundary line at the point where the three States join each other.

I have the honor to be Sir
 Respectfully your obt. servt.
 (Signed) Daniel M. Carter
 Secretary of State

His Excellency
 Philip L. Thomas
 Governor of Maryland