

State Department
Annapolis 5th February 1850

Sir:

The mail of this morning brings your letter conveying information of the injury sustained by the Western Hay scales and buildings during the storm of Saturday night last and informing me that you had employed workmen to repair damages. I question very much either your or my own authority to do so during the session of the Legislature & I must therefore request that you will suspend all further proceedings in the matter until you again hear from me. In the mean time I will thank you to furnish an accurate statement of the extent of the damages and of the probable cost of repairs.

Very respectfully

James D.

Philip F. Thomas

Ass: Savell Esq: 3

House of Delegates
Annapolis: Feb: 13. 1850

Sir:

We respectfully ask an indulgence in behalf of Geo. M. Spencer, late collector of Kent County, and that no suit may be instituted against his bond until Sept Term 1850

One of the main reasons which Mr. Spencer alleges to have operated against his collecting, was the unusual scarcity of money, owing to the almost entire failure of crops in our County during the past year, as well as his own indisposition for some time past.

These are facts within the knowledge of the undersigned, and from a reasonable hope that your Excellency may not deem it inconsistent with your duty to postpone the suit contemplated against his bond at the ensuing March term of our Court. Mr. Spencer's indebtedness is, we believe, fully secured against any probability of loss. Indeed we believe his own individual liability would secure the debt due the State, and we are assured by him that before the September term he will be prepared to make settlements with the Treasurer &c. We hope it may meet your views to extend him the indulgence desired and

With much respect

We are your Obedt Servts.

J. M. Spencer

William F. Smythe

Thomas Baker

His Excellency
Philip F. Thomas