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Gentlemen

permit me to call your attention for a few moments to the additional duties of the Comm^{rs} of the Rev: in 1852.

- 1st The Land Book requires a separate calculation on each tract on acct^s of the increased Tax in 1852.
The allocations on 5th Book in gr of Land paid by individuals
- 2nd Property Book a column for white males of 21 yrs of age an additional Tax imposed to the state in 1852.
- 3rd The valuation of Horses males & ferts - separate Columns
- 4th Cattle sheep & Hogs their N^o & value
- 5th Pleasure Carriages 5 different kinds all at valuation is there any impropriety in saying in one column pleasure Carriages & 1 column ^{for valuation} having 2 columns instead of 10 - I think stage coaches might be included with carriages
- 6th Watches in 2 columns instead of 4.
- 7th Metal & other clocks in 2 instead of 4.
- 8th The ^{amt^o of} exemption in Cattle, sheep, & Hogs, or personal property in lieu thereof, This is a very troublesome item in the proof of the Book. I hope it may be dispensed with should you think with me
- 9th The 2 columns for the Tax imposed for County purposes heretofore we were only bound to furnish the N^o of Free males over 16 yrs & the same same age no Tax extended

you I think will agree with me on the above as to the n^o of columns as the great n^o of subjects the less difficulty in the proving of a page & also in the recapitulation of the Book. I acknowledge it is a very troublesome job to me,

so far as I can judge from the labours of last year & my son assisted me, I think the duties in taking the list of Taxable property

& attending to the Land Book as we are required to do
in shewing to each Individual, ^{the} of Land he or she
stands charged with, & in making out 4 Land &
4 Probate Books, will require strict industry & attention
of any one Individual 5 Months say commencing the
1st March & complete the duties by August come
the ^{present} Law only allows us 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ per day & not for more
than 75 Days making 150 $\frac{1}{2}$. This was the compensation
allowed 30 years ago & the labours now required are more
than doubled as you can see by the Books in the
Auditors Office, should you think proper to change
the time of returning the Books think of the time of
laying the County levy,

persons opposed to increased pay
may speak of certificates of licenses, a word as to their
duty, 1st as to Ordnance & Houses of Private entertainment
as heretofore 2nd Merchants commencing to qualify as to
stock, 10 year in Business qualify as to ann. sales.
4 Reports of Certificates, 1 for the Sheriff 1 for the Auditor
1 for the grand jury & 1 to be kept by the cov. of Rev.
it does seem to me that if the license Law is
attended to that we earn our fee there is 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ each
for all certificates granted under the license Law,
please attend to this troublesome request & I have
no doubt you will, also further compensation for
last year, you see I think 300 $\frac{1}{2}$ not too much for
500 $\frac{1}{2}$ seems of a man & show they pay his own expenses
to take the time & make out 8 Books, the license fee
well understood, write me on the receipt to Charlottsville
your aid in this matter is desired to State & myself
will very much oblige a friend

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Letter from Board of Revenue of America
respecting
Increase of Compensation
from

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