

Dayton April 6<sup>th</sup> 1864

His Excellency

Thomas H. Watts

Dear Sir

The Tax Apportion  
wishes to know of the ~~Law~~<sup>Act</sup> "to prevent Extor-  
tion" "Approved Dec 9 1862" is still in force.  
By the last Sec. the Gov has the right to sus-  
pend it - and it appears to me that your  
predecessor, Gov Shorter, issued his pro-  
clamation suspending it in part, or in  
whole, but I am not certain, and as it  
is important that the Assessor should  
know, I will thank you to inform me,  
if any, and what action has been tar-  
ken in it -

Very respy

Yr obt Servt

W E Clarke

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Apr 29/64  
Amr. Apr 21/64

Art. Suspended Dec  
27/62 as to all articles  
except Beef Pork Corn  
and Salt to Jan 1/63  
and after until further  
order in all except  
articles on within list  
and suspended Jan 27/63  
as to all cargo sales  
of foreign imports  
made by the importer

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