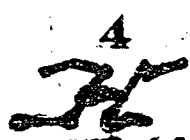


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Copy of a letter from J. ~~W.~~ McCulloch, Collector of the
Customs, to Richard Gill, Esq.

CUSTOM HOUSE, BALTIMORE,
Collector's Office, Dec. 18, 1832.

DEAR SIR:—I stop when just about leaving the office, to state to you, that a difficulty has lately been made respecting Tobacco raised in another State (as Ohio,) passing from thence through Baltimore, to towns in the District, there to be disposed of; and as far as I know, it may be sold with or without inspection. The supplementary act of 1804, privileges the citizens of Maryland to send their tobacco to Washington, &c.; but in the original act, which it does not mean to supercede, it will not allow Tobacco *uninspected*, to be transported from district to district *within the State*. The supplement intends what is raised by the planters, citizens of the state, though it does not explicitly declare so. In consequence of this defect, a man in Baltimore claims a right, as a citizen, to receive tobacco from Ohio, on consignment, and give it a transit through Maryland, uninspected. He is a mere forwarder of the article, without other interest in it, for residents of another state.

I beg you to represent this to the Governor and Council that the Legislature may act upon it, at this session. I am called as collector to enforce the acts of Inspection, &c. and must therefore be directed. It may not be amiss to observe, as far as I am informed, that the inspectors do not execute that part of the law which requires branding on three staves of a cask of such tobacco, what State it comes from, &c.

In much haste,

Your friend and ob't. serv't.

JAMES  McCULLOH.

RICHARD W. GILL, Esq.

