

tions but little influence politically or morally, compared with that exerted by many of those above enumerated, and it would be difficult to justify the discrimination by which the oath in question should be administered to the former, and the latter be exempt from its operation.

The Inspector General of grain informs me that a practice prevails to some extent with some of the Captains of vessels bringing grain to market, which occasions unnecessary delay and trouble to the Inspector in weighing it, and which I scarcely think is permissible under a proper construction of the Act of 1864, on the subject. By the practice referred to, as I understand it, the grain is sometimes sold and delivered, before being reported to the Inspector, who is then obliged to follow it to the premises of the purchaser before he can weigh it. Such a course could not have been contemplated by the Act referred to, which in requiring as it does, the Inspector "to weigh all grain within at least two hours after the same is reported," must have looked to the performance of that duty, either on the vessel or some adjacent wharf. To remove all doubt on the subject, I would suggest the propriety of an explanatory act, more explicitly designating the place, where the required duty is to be performed.

The Act of 1864, ch. 374, making appropriations for the support of Government for the year 1865, will require certain modifications, by which the amounts appropriated to sundry officers shall conform to the alterations in their salaries made by the present Constitution.

An account of the disbursements from the Executive contingent fund for the past year, is herewith submitted, and the vouchers therein referred to await the inspection of the committee you may appoint to examine them.

Before the meeting of the next General Assembly, my term of office will have expired, and in closing this my last communication of the kind to the representatives of the people, I would reiterate my profound acknowledgments for the trust with which they have honored me, and express my grateful sense of the support and encouragement, which, generally speaking I have received at their hands whilst endeavoring to discharge its duties; that I have not been able to discharge them to the satisfaction of all, I am well aware, but all will, I think, admit that these duties have been not unfrequently embarrassed with delicate questions, upon the solution of which no light was reflected from any precedent of the past.

If in endeavoring to solve them, I have differed with