

the belief that a Registry of Voters throughout the State, and at all points in the incorporated Towns and adjoining Counties, is a measure better calculated than any other, to secure and limit the exercise of the invaluable Privilege to those upon whom the Constitution and the Laws intended to bestow it.

In virtue of the power vested in me by the Act of the last Session, Chapter 818, I appointed Thomas Carroll a Commissioner to purchase a lot of ground in the City of Baltimore, and to contract for erecting thereon a platform scale and building for the purpose of weighing Live Stock Carcasses to Baltimore for sale. He proceeded to discharge the duties required of him, and on his appearing to me of the completion of the contemplated improvements, on the 8th day of October last, I appointed Richard Wells, Weigh Master of Live Stock, who has since been actively engaged in the performance of his duties as such. The vouchers of the expenditures made by the Commissioner are now on file in the State Department.

During the month of June last, understanding that several fruitless efforts had been made to rent or purchase from the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore the scales used in that City for weighing Hay and Straw, and conceiving it to be my duty to carry into effect the intention of the General Assembly in this regard, as expressed in the Act of Dec. 20th, 1887 Chap. 319, I gave authority to the Inspectors, who had been appointed by me in pursuance of the provisions of that Act, to purchase the necessary ground, and to erect thereon and keep in repair two scales, the one in the western section, and the other in the eastern section of the City for weighing Hay and Straw brought there for sale. That duty has been performed by them, and they have returned to the State Department vouchers of all the expenditures consequent thereon. Since their completion, I am informed, the scales have been in successful operation.

The Legislature, during the last Session, Chapter 178, in a spirit of benevolence, and to the credit worthy of commendation, appropriated the sum of One Thousand Dollars annually, to be applied under the direction of the Governor, for the instruction of Indigent Blind Persons, or inhabitants of this State. It has been a source of no ordinary gratification to me to carry into effect the charitable designs of the Legislature in behalf of this forlorn and helpless portion of our race. Their cause, by reason of their privations and the dependence, told high, they are necessarily subjected, addresses itself to the purest sympathies of the human heart. In a new time, the Philanthropist, the Statesman may even have a proper ground for a species of his benevolence in providing for the physical improvement of the civilization of the intellectual condition of this unfortunate and successful efforts made of late years in our country.