

to commence such arrangements for the Execution of these Laws as their provisions appear to authorize.

By the enclosed powers you will perceive that you are appointed Port Physician under the Act of Assembly above mentioned with authority evidently deducible from the 3^d 4th and 5th Sections of the Law to appoint a Deputy or Assistant.

The Board have been influenced to reject the Number of Physicians heretofore appointed from a consideration of the Inconveniences that might result from the equality of power which must of necessity have been communicated to them; and under the Impression that a Principal and Assistant will be fully adequate to the different duties of this Trust.

Upon the Subject of Compensation the Board are not at present in a situation to ascertain its precise Quantum because it is impossible for them to conjecture the future Product of the Fund contemplated by the Act as the means of supporting the Establishment directed by it; but they can and do give this assurance that the Salaries to be given shall be proportioned to the competency of the Tonnage duty which they have taken measures to collect.

It has been suggested that it would be proper to appoint and support a Guard to prevent foreign Vessels from coming into the Harbor of Baltimore in opposition to or evasion of the Law. The Act gives no authority to make this expensive arrangement, and of course it is impracticable. The Legislature appear to have relied for the means of coercion where necessary on the assistance of the revenue Cutters, and we have accordingly thought it our duty to point out this reliance to the General Government and to request that the expected aid may be afforded.

The Law speaks of the Erection of a temporary Hospital for the reception and accommodation of such sick persons as may be removed on Shore by the order of the Port Physician; but as it evidently intends that the Tonnage duty shall constitute the Fund for defraying the expense of its erection as well as of its future Establishment no measures can be taken by us for executing this