

of all the weights and measures now used with information from what  
country they were made, and whether they were ever compared with those in posses-  
sion of the General Government at Washington?

Relying upon your knowledge to secure the trouble which is  
being into effect the important object of the General Assembly, we cannot  
do avoid giving you.

James H. McCallum Esq  
Collector  
Baltimore

I have the honor to remain,  
with great respect, your obedient  
servant  
Thos. Culbreth Clerk  
of the Council.

Council Chamber

Dear Sir,

Philadelphia June 8 1826

Yours of the 4th instant is before me. I have handed over to  
Mr Mackubin, the copy of your letter to Mr Secretary Rush, and the other  
papers relative to the State's claim for interest on the money expended for the  
use of the United States during the late War; and informed him that it is  
your wish for him to prepare a statement of the claim upon the basis laid down  
in your letter, and to have such vouchers as Mr Wagner thinks necessary to  
support it, ready by the 14th instant. It would seem, from Mr Wagner's  
letter, he demands as vouchers for the claim, copy receipt or certified copies of  
them, for the several quarterly payments of interest upon the Loan. Mr Macku-  
bin will not be able to have them in reading by the 14th instant. He  
will correspond with Mr Wagner in order to understand what evidence, he  
deems indispensable.

Upon examination of Williams & Bechtel's papers I find that  
his time of imprisonment is out; and consequently I have done nothing in  
the case. A remission of the fine is the only relief he can now have.

I have just written to Mr McCallum for the further  
information relative to the weights and measures used in the Custom  
& Excise, which you directed me to ask of him.

The subject of weights and measures is certainly, as you  
justly observe, an important one. No change in those in use, and  
which the people are acquainted with, ought to be made, but to effect  
some very desirable or useful purpose. Uniformity is, unquestionably,  
such a purpose; but is it not quite as important that the weights and  
measures should be derived from, and adjusted to, some fixed and  
invariable standard, by which they may at any time be tested, as that  
they should be uniform? Congress ought to fix a standard, such as  
I have mentioned, and until this shall have been done, I greatly doubt  
the policy or utility of making any change. But the Executive  
having no discretion left them by the Law of last Session, I suppose they