

with them but owing to the neglect of the gaugers the
 "Comptroller" stated above is often detained in Town over
 night, and sometimes even longer - to say one of our
 County friends is suffering in this way, we have a lot of
 Whiskey on our pavement that was received yesterday about
 noon, - it is now one o'clock, twenty five hours after the
 Whiskey was received, and we have not been able to find
 a gauger though we have sent repeatedly to where Mr.
 Hale is kept for this district, and to other places where he
 was likely to be found - Mr. Hanson is the person who has
 charge of this district for this week - The City as you are
 no doubt aware is divided into five districts - it is the
 duty of the gaugers that one of them should attend to
 each district, but instead of this they frequently leave
 only one to attend to two, and in some instances in the
 dull season three districts, while the others are walking
 about - there are we think at present six or seven Gaugers
 in office - we would give one to each district, but such
 is not the case - three or four are often idle while the
 business of the City suffers by the imperfect manner in
 which the duties of the office are performed - We re-
 sultantly make this complaint, but think it is our duty
 to do so, as we feel assured it is your wish that the busi-
 ness of the City should be facilitated as much as possible

Respectfully,
 Mr. Ott. DeWants
 Andrew Gregg & Co
 109 Franklin St.

A copy of the above was sent to the Gaugers of Casks
 and Inspectors of liquors, with a letter from Secy. of State here-
 in after recorded.

Secy of State
 replying to
 letter of
 Prop. W. H. H.
 Dec. 1st 1853
 Charges against
 Liquor Inspectors

Executive Department
 Annapolis, Md
 October 29th 1853

Messrs. Andrew Gregg & Co.
 109 Franklin Street,
 Baltimore City,

In answer to the direction of the Governor I have the honor
 to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th instant,
 in which you make complaint of the conduct of the
 Gaugers of Casks and Inspectors of liquors in the City of
 Baltimore with "one or two exceptions".