

The Governor regrets that you should consider that you have cause of complaint against any one holding office under him. He could not feel the least hesitation in removing any officer against whom a proper case might be made out. It is his rule to give the accused a hearing, and an opportunity for defence; and, if satisfied of his or their delinquency, no collateral consideration whatever could induce him to depart from the straight line of stern duty. He particularly regrets that your complaint has been made so near the end of his term. He calls your attention to the fact that you have not designated (with one exception) the delinquent officers, neither have you named the "one or two exceptions". As the complaint embraces several he could not take summary proceedings against the only one named, without making an unjust discrimination. From that fact, he is led to suppose that you seek rather the reformation, than the dismissal of the officers complained of. I have accordingly by his direction, addressed to the Board of Inspectors and a Ministry letter, transmitting to them, at the same time a copy of your complaint.

I am directed by the Governor to say, that whilst he hopes that there may be no occasion for him, at this late period of his administration, to resort to unpleasant measures, he will not hesitate to do so, if the public interest should demand it.

If there has been heretofore any remissness on the part of the Inspectors, or any of them, he hopes and believes that my letter will produce the desired change.

I herewith enclose a copy of the letter which, by direction of the Governor, I addressed to the Board

I am very respectfully

Yours

John Randolph Sumner  
Secretary of State

Note

A copy of the above was sent to the gaugers of Casks & Inspectors of liquor with the following letter of the Sec<sup>y</sup> of State

Secy of State  
to the Gaugers of Casks &c

Concerning  
charges  
made  
against  
them.

To The Gaugers of Casks & Inspectors of liquor  
in Baltimore City

Executive Department  
Annapolis, October 29<sup>th</sup> 1853

Wm. G. Beall

By direction