

The Governor I have the honor to call your attention to the enclosed copies of a correspondence, which has just passed between His Excellency and Messrs. Andrew Gregg & Co.

It is a source of very great regret to the Governor that any of the Merchants of the City of Baltimore should deem it necessary to complain of the official conduct of any of your number.

The Governor sincerely hopes that you may be able satisfactorily to explain the apparent remissness of which Messrs. Gregg & Co. complain. He also expects that if any such remissness has heretofore existed, it will be immediately rectified, and that the public interest will not be permitted to suffer. The Governor deems it unnecessary to remind you that all offices have been created solely for the public convenience, and that the duties appertaining thereto must be at all times promptly and fully discharged. Whether in dull or in busy seasons, whether profitable and convenient, or unprofitable and inconvenient to the Officers it is equally required of them to be at their posts and faithfully to attend to their duties.

The Governor expects that you will follow this rule so strictly that no one may find reasonable cause of complaint.

Very Respectfully

Thos. Randolph Sumner
Secretary of State

Note
A copy of the above was transmitted to Messrs. Andrew Gregg & Co. together with a letter from the Secy of State recorded on 24th Nov 1853

Baltimore 1st Nov. 1853

A. Gregg & Co
acknowledging
Receipt of
Secretary's
letter of
the 29th
Nov.

Thos. Randolph Sumner Esq.

Sir:
Your favor of the 29th ulto was received yesterday together with a copy of your letter to the Mayor of the City - Please present to His Excellency our sincere love and accept for yourself our best thanks for the very prompt manner our letter has been responded to. The Governor has done in this case just what we could have wished - He did not desire the removal of any of the Judges and hope and believe that the Governor's ambition will correct the evil we