

To kind enough to show the letter to Mr. Winters
 I am, very respectfully,
 Wm. Off. Servt
 John Randolph, Junr
 Secretary of State

Balto. Nov. 29th 53

To His Excellency
 E. Lewis Lowe
 Gov. of Maryland

Dr Sir:

B. H.
 Hanson
 Esq. Justice
 of the Peace
 in answer
 to the
 complaint
 of Gugg
 & Co.

On Saturday for the first time I see the copy of
 a letter written to you by Mr. Andrew Gregg Esq of this place
 Complaining of my inattention to business by letting a lot
 of whiskey lay on his pavement from noon until one o'clock
 the next day - 25 hours. It is the rule of the Merchants in the
 City, when their work is ready for the Gauges to put their
 names on the slate of the District. I was at my Gate after
 two o'clock and his name was not on it at that time -
 the morning of the 27th was a rainy one, showering at intervals
 which prevented me getting a lot of whiskey finished at
 Messrs Hobson & Martin, as soon as I would have done, it
 being on the pavement I did not get through with it
 until nearly 12 o'clock and went directly to Messrs Gugg
 & Co and finished them 10 lbs before dinner, 1 o'clock - Mr.
 Gregg knew I was at work for Hobson & Martin and I suppose
 would have desired me to leave his work to do his. It
 has been over 18 months Sir, since you favored me with
 the appointment which I now hold, and I Challenge
 Mr. Gregg or any other man in Baltimore to say I have
 been in that time one half day absent from my business.
 If it was necessary I could get the unanimous voice of
 the Merchants of this City to bear me out in the state-
 ment I make. I have made it a point since I have been
 here, to attend strictly to my district and if Mr. Gregg says
 I have been absent from my district one day, all I can say
 is he is mistaken. We have, Sir, been attending to Howard
 & Franklin St. together, being very little to do on Franklin
 St. or Howard, which enables us to give more of our time
 to assist those who are on the wharves when all the work
 there is done. I will give you the amount of work done
 on Franklin St. my 2 last rounds; Two weeks 31 Bbls.
 of whiskey, now Sir that is about the average of the
 work done on Franklin St. altho' I admit the necessity of
 having that as well as large lots attended to and the