

Baltimore April 15th 1852

His Excellency,
The Governor of Maryland
Sir

I have the honor and the pleasure to inform you that I arrived in the City on Monday the 7th Inst. ready to enter on my duties, and one of the first things I did was to issue the enclosed circular, which had the desired effect to silence the independent Weighers and Violators of law.

I think this independency commenced about three years ago and from the best information I get they did not take less than from Eight to ten thousand dollars each year from the State, Ten in number receiving from \$100- to \$250- per month; the Inspector general permitted this to go on year after year and then asked the State to make up deficiency in salaries! — But one of the Weighers have been bold enough to venture out to weigh and that was Mr. William Godwin Jr. an Ex-inspector, he was caught at the act by one of my assistants who informed upon him immediately.

The Magistrate arraigned him and rendered judgement against him in short time \$25 He took an appeal, I advised with the States Attorney and acted under his instruction, and upon consultation with some of the Inspectors we agreed to employ the Hon. Henry Winter Davis, the case may go up to the Court of Appeals.

We got fairly under way on Thursday about 1.0'clock and have since weighed from 38000 to 40000 Bus. of grain at 1/4% Com. I am generally sustained by the best Commission men and buyers of the City, such gentlemen as Mess. Gambrell, Chesnut, Cooks, Cox & Brown, Boidon, Sperring and others. John S. Williams & Creighton are the most refractory, I have been informed that the above two are opposed to any thing that the State or National Government does. I have no doubt if we are sustained in this the State will receive considerable revenue, besides paying the salaries in full of the Inspectors and assistants, I have introduced some system into the office and it is now respected.

Under the administration of Inspector General Grazer I think the account stands as follows:

5 Inspectors at an average of \$1200 per year —	\$6000 =
one half of which belonged to the State making —	\$3000 =
per annum — 4 years \$12000 = loss by independency	
or violators of law — not less than \$8000 = 1600 am pay	
two years	loss to the State
	\$28000 =

I do not think this is a high estimate.
I hope I have done right

With high regard I remain
most Respectfully
Benj. S. May