

to Mr. May and a copy of his reply.

You will perceive that Mr. May forbids the sellers to weigh their own grain whether inspected or not and that he is determined to extort fees which are considered to be illegal and refuses to offer any facilities to test the question promptly and economically before the Courts.

The undersigned requests your Excellency to interpose to prevent action so costly and harassing to the public, and to require the Inspector General to refrain from further suits until the questions in dispute can be decided and to have the cases brought before the Courts as speedily as possible.

It is the personal interest of the Inspector General of Grain to create all the delay possible for in the meantime he will levy a tax of $\frac{1}{4}$ cent per bushel on a great part of the grain sold in this market. Under the threat of prosecution and imposition of a fine of Twenty five dollars in every case the sellers of grain are forced to submit to his extortion.

Judge King of the Court of Common Pleas with consent of parties had appointed Monday 28th April for the trial of a case which would have determined the right of the seller to weigh his own grain. On the day fixed for trial the Inspector General demanded a continuance, and refused to appoint another day. The case now will have to take its place on the docket and may not be reached for some months, and the matter may be kept in litigation during the continuance of Mr. May's term of office.

Yours Respy.

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pro tem Baltimore Corn and
Flour Exchange Association

State of Maryland

Executive Chamber

Annapolis May 6th 1862

To John S. Williams Esq.

Pres. Balto. Corn & Flour Exchange

Sir:

I have received your communication of 5th Inst. enclosing a copy of a Circular issued by the Inspector General of Grain for Baltimore City - on entering upon the discharge of his duties and also of a correspondence between him and yourself upon the subject.

The object of that correspondence on your part if I correctly understand it, is to induce the Inspector General to consent to allow as many independent weighers of grain as may think proper to engage in that business, to continue to do so until the Court in which the question is pending shall decide that they have no such right. The