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As the Inspection of Maryland Tobacco is entirely within the control of the State I have thought it due to your Excellency to send you this dispatch of the Consul at Rotterdam, and its enclosures, and to advise him of the disposition I have made of his communication.

Hon. Augustus W. Bradford
Governor of Maryland
Annapolis

With great Respect
S. P. Chase
Secretary of the Treasury

U.S. Consulate at Rotterdam
August 15th 1862

To the Hon. S. P. Chase
Secretary of the Treasury
Sir:

I have the honor to forward to you here by the enclosed letter, subscribed by the first firms of Tobacco trade at Rotterdam and handed in to me for the purpose of communicating it to my Government.

As to its tenor I am not able to judge, whether the complaints expressed therein are of such importance as to justify an interference of the Administration, nor how far the U.S. Government is inclined to interfere with the public authorities of Inspection of Tobacco in the single States — But considering that especially your Department endeavours to protect and encourage the Commerce of the United States as effectually as possible, I thought it not proper to withhold from you this communication, leaving to your wise judgement what measures are to be taken to prevent such abuses, not favourable of course to the credit of our International Commerce.

I am Sir

Most Respy Your Obedt. Servt.
George E. Kiss U.S. Consul

Rotterdam August 13th 1862

Sir —

The undersigned Merchants of the City of Rotterdam being convinced of your desire to promote in every respect the Commercial intercourse with the United States of America, take the liberty of acquainting you with the proceedings which have taken place in a meeting held by the Merchants and Dealers in N. American Tobacco of this City on the 14th July.

In general it was acknowledged by those present that the Inspections of Maryland Tobacco are very imperfect there being constant complaints that on opening the Casks the quality does not answer to the sample — Not so much does this apply to the colour, as due allowance