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detect the fraud referred to and will I hope observe such vigilance as to prevent the recurrence of such complaints hereafter and avoid the injury likely to result therefrom to the Tobacco trade of the State.

Yours very Respy.
A. W. Bradford

State of Maryland
Executive Department
Annapolis Sept. 12th 1862

Hon. S. P. Chase
Secy. of the Treasury
Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 8th Inst. enclosing a communication from certain Merchants of Rotterdam complaining of neglect in the inspection of Maryland Tobacco — I am inclined to think that the complaint has been occasioned by some fraudulent packing of a single lot, and not by the condition generally of the Tobacco of this State. I have nevertheless caused a copy of the Rotterdam letter to be sent to each of our Inspectors of Tobacco and directed their attention to the necessity of such vigilance as will avoid such complaints in the future.

I have the honor to be
Very Respy. Your obedt. Servt.
A. W. Bradford

State of Maryland
Executive Department
Annapolis Sept. 15th 1862

Hon. E. M. Stanton
Secretary of War
Sir:

I had the honor some ten days or more since of calling your attention to the necessity that I thought existed for providing some Military support to our enrolling officers in some parts of the State. Several occurrences have since taken place all confirming my opinions on the subject which I have forborne from bringing to your notice, as I had received indirectly from the Commander of this Department an assurance that a force could not be furnished for such a purpose — A recent outrage however has been committed upon the person of the Commissioner for Prince Georges County of so flagrant a character, that I feel bound to bring it especially to your attention and