

control the turbulent elements that enter into such a Camp, and I have great hopes that on acquiring accurate information of the circumstances of the case you will find the means, as I know you have the inclination to provide the proper corrective.

I have the honor to be

With great respect

Your obedt. Servt.

A. W. Bradford

Baltimore January 5th 1863

To His Excellency

A. W. Bradford

Governor of Maryland

We, the undersigned, Distillers and Receivers of Whiskey, desire to call your attention to the irregularity which has existed here for some time in the "Gauging & Proving" of Distilled Liquors.

All of the Gaugers appointed by your Excellency (except one, we believe) totally ignore all Law in regard to their duty, and are simply governed by the wish and will of the buyer; in consequence, the seller is very often compelled to submit to the terms of the buyer, or not sell, when it is important that he should realize on the Consignments made to him - this being the case it often occurs by this arbitrary practice that the Manufacturers of Whiskey &c are absolutely losing from three to four gallons per Barrel as compared with the Philadelphia and New York Markets.

We only ask that your Excellency will see that the Gaugers in every case, make out their Certificates of the Capacity and proof of Casks and Liquors according to Law, and we feel sure that it is only necessary to call your attention to this most singular and irregular mode of Gauging, to have it corrected, as it is very injurious to this trade in our City.

W. Maitland & Co
Wagickhurst & Shelan
C. F. Colabaugh & Co
Journival & M. Cullif
S. Parkhurst
S. W. Noble & Co
C. F. Chick & Co
George Young & Co
James Logue

Fowler & Zeigler
Buckler & Shipley
Mcirell & Grafton
J. J. Miller & Co
Gibney Hall & Co
John Henderson & Co
George Small
George Sauerwein & Co
John P. Boyle & Co