

Washington D.C.

January 21st 1881

Dear Father

After drawing the two bills enclosed in reference to fees, I have been subjected by parties to draw & send the others. They seem to me to comment themselves to every one at once as good measures.

The bill in relation to oysters I drew about my neck of a man (Mr. Foster) from Dare County who expects to send up a petition to back it if necessary, and you could hand it to the Representative from that County & can only reach him - Mr. Small died night before last - and is to be buried today at 11 o'clock - His son Steley was in my office yesterday and requested me to say to you that in the Prohibition movement if you could take a position in favor of it that would not compromise you politically he would like for you to do so - He is very much in favor of it - He also requested me

To ask you to see what could be done
towards abolishing the Specific Tax
on Merchants, upon the ground that
it is unconstitutional - The Constitution says
Taxes shall be uniform & as valorem.

All well

Affectionately Your Son
George A. Shuman

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