

<b>Expenditures in obtaining Votes of Maryland Soldiers; Votes for Presidential Election Army of Potomac, including 1st, 4th, 7th, 8th, 2nd, 3d, 5th and 1st Cav. Richard King,</b>			48 00
Expenses of Mr. Simon in Valley, -			33 00
" of Mr. Harris " -			29 10
			\$213 30

I certify that the above is correct as given to me by the parties as their expenses.

**RICHARD KING,**

*State Military Relief Agent.*

Annapolis, July 21st, 1864.  
His Excellency, A. Lincoln,  
President of United States:

The repeated raids across the Potomac River made by portions of the Rebel Army and the extent of the damage they have succeeded in inflicting in this section have most injuriously affected the people of Maryland and Pennsylvania in the neighborhood of that river, and it is believed as the only means of relieving the suffering in this manner, and restoring the property abandoned their present homes, and securing safety to the North.

It seems to us that the only practical aspect of this case, but in its national relations, the security of this border line between the loyal and rebellious States, is an object justifying extraordinary consideration of a portion of the National force, with an especial view to the defence.

The Potomac River can only be crossed in its ordinary state of water at some five or six fords, and we propose to enlist from our respective States a sufficient force that shall be sufficient with the aid of the military which the force itself can speedily concentrate so effectively to defend them. All we ask of the Government is that the money which we have credited to the quotas of our several States on the call last made, and be armed, equipped and supplied as other volunteers in the service.

We are aware, that as a general rule, well furnished objections exist to the enlistment of a force to be exclusively used for home or local defence, but we regard such a service as we now suggest, as an exceptional case, and the complete protection of this part of our frontier as of admitted importance.