

REPORT OF COMMISSIONER HORSEY.

To the Honorable,

The General Assembly of Maryland :

The undersigned, appointed a Commissioner to the State of Virginia, to enter into negotiations with the proper authorities thereof, for the protection of the citizens of Maryland from injury in person or property, by any unadvised acts of the military forces of Virginia, and to obtain compensation for any injuries already done, begs leave to report to your Honorable Body—

That, in the accomplishment of his mission, he proceeded at once to Richmond, and received from Governor Letcher the most distinct disavowal of the acts of the military, in molesting our citizens, and seizing and holding their property, accompanied by expressions of deep regret for any such acts of lawlessness, and of earnest desire to maintain the most harmonious relations with the citizens of our State. He expressed a readiness to make the most liberal compensation for any injuries committed.

A gentleman was appointed to return with your Commissioner, and institute inquiries into the nature and extent of any injuries incurred by citizens of Maryland.

On their return to Maryland, they made a legal investigation of the seizure of the boat and grain of C. F. Wenner, which, he is happy to state, resulted in the satisfactory adjustment of the claim of Mr. Wenner, whose receipt upon his petition to the Executive, accompanies this report. The case of Mr. Wenner was the only one of which the undersigned was apprised at the time, and he believes it is the only instance of the interruption of the Canal.

On his return to Maryland, your Commissioner received from the Clerk of the Honorable House of Delegates the memorial of certain citizens of Montgomery county, and the letter of Mr. Biggs, of Washington county, with instructions to obtain accurate information in regard to the subjects thereof, and report the