

ing of the legislature—and in that situation of the affairs, being apprehensive that he would fraudulently dispose of the books, I was induced to pay his claim, and it was not until after they had been sent to Annapolis, and it was too late, as he had also absconded, that the absence of many of the entire files, and the partial obstruction of a large portion of the other volumes was ascertained. These being the facts it will remain for the deputation, or the committee to determine what shall be done in the matter—and if under all the circumstances, it shall be concluded that the loss shall fall on me, it will be my duty to submit—and I would accordingly submit, notwithstanding my belief, that the works, mutilated as they are, will be of more value to the State, and that in fact, the money actually paid for the binding, would be greater than the amount for which the obsolete or surplus books intended to be received for them could be disposed of at a cash sale. And considering my personal expenses—and the persevering exertions of several months, two special visits to Philadelphia, and frequent trips to Annapolis during the recess of the legislature on the business of the library—and furthermore that the ordinary booksellers commission on the aggregate of my different negotiations in that regard; involving no little of difficulty, would more than quadruple the whole nominal value of the books in question, I would wish you to refer the matter accordingly; and the decision of those with whom I have been associated in this trust will be conclusive, as I would not incur their censure by the opposition of an opinion which might be viewed as the dictate of selfish motive.

Very respectfully,

LITTLETON DENNIS TEACKLE.

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P. S. I understand that David Hoffman, Esq. and others have suffered from the fraudulent conduct of the same binders. If my health and engagements may permit, I will endeavour to see you before I leave the city.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 32.