

with that courteous and enlightened liberality for which the British Government is so justly distinguished. Subsequently, I received a letter dated Sept. 1st, from C. P. Cooper, Esquire, stating that "*instructions had been given to His Majesty's printers to prepare a set of the publications of the Record Board for the Maryland State Library.*"

Thus enriching this institution with some of the most rare, valuable and interesting documents now extant in the history of the world—a donation that is intrinsically worth 3000 dollars, but which derives its highest value from the liberal spirit that conferred it.

Having been authorised to say to Mr. Rich, that a complete set of our Judicial Reports would be presented to the British Government through him; it now devolves upon the Legislature fully to instruct me in that regard, and no doubt can exist, that their action on this subject will be worthy of the enlightened body to which you belong.

On the 27th day of October, proposals, for painting and glaizing the new library were received by your librarian, and that portion of the work given to Mr. John Button, his being the lowest estimate, as will appear by reference to the proposals received and filed in this office. For the faithful and prompt performance of the work, a bond and security in the penal sum of 500 dollars was required, and is also on file in this department. It was deemed advisable not to paint the front this winter, but to defer it until the spring—the said painting is contracted for and included in the following statement of costs.

The whole amount of cost of constructing, fitting up and furnishing the room, is now submitted, to wit: