

1839, and received while in office, as per documents sent the Executive in March 1839, as follows:

W. R. Stuart retained for his commissions from 1st March, 1832, to 1st Mar: 1839, 7 years, the sum of \$15,551 36

Under the act of assembly, session 1831, 32, commissions are not to exceed in any one year, \$2,000—7 years is

14,000 00

Making as excess of commissions retained, the sum of \$1,551 36

Edward Hughes retained for his commissions from 1st March, 1832 to

1st March, 1839, 7 years, the sum of \$15,547 50

Commissions as above \$2,000 per annum, 7 years is

14,000 00

Making as excess of commissions retained, the sum of \$1,547 50

John S. Williams retained for his commissions from 1st March, 1832, to

1st March, 1839, 7 years, the sum of \$15,536 95

Commissions as above, \$2,000 per annum, 7 years is

14,000 00

Making excess of commissions retained, the sum of 1,536 95

\$4,635 81

Making an aggregate of four thousand six hundred and thirty-five dollars and eighty-one cents, as excess of commissions retained. Under this view of the transaction we consulted counsel, who considered the contractors were bound, and advised our demanding the same from Messrs. D. S. Gregory & Co., which we did, and who declined a compliance, but consented to an amicable suit being docketed, and which has been done in the Circuit Court of the United States, and which will probably be tried at its nex term.

If we have erred in adopting this course, and the Legislature see proper to direct a dismissal of the suit, we shall cheerfully comply with their directions. Our object throughout having been solely the protection of the interest of the State confided to us.

We are, with great respect,

Your obedient servants,

WM. McBLAIR,

S. S. DICKINSON,

GEO. COOKE,

} Lottery Comm'rs.

To His Excellency,

WILLIAM GRASON,

Governor of Maryland.