

Kerr, Evans, Golibart, Whitaker, Lindsey, Calvert, Rouzer, Buhrman, Baker, Linthicum, Gorsuch, Steiner, Bamford, Appleman, Hoffhine, Bishop, Turner, Coleman, Neilson, Smith, Flaherty, Robson, Israel, Knott, Lankford, Stevens, Kraft, Boswell, Thomson, Davis, of Balt. city, Waltemeyer, Feig, Bixler, Pitts, Aydelott, Gordy, Nelson, Whiteford, Wilson, Spicer, McCulley, Bruce, McCulloh, Carmichael, Neale, Benton, Poole, Criswell, Gore, Dawson, Horsey, King, Hammond—71.

The Speaker laid before the House the following response of John A. Thompson :

BALTIMORE, March 2, 1867.

To the Members

Of the House of Delegates

Of the State of Maryland :

*Gentlemen :—*The following order of your honorable body, dated February 21st, was this day received :

Ordered, That John A. Thompson, former Register of the city of Baltimore, report to this House without delay the amount of money he received from the State of Maryland to disburse to volunteers as bounty, the amount disbursed by him and vouchers therefor; whether he paid the soldiers in full, or charged a per centage, and why he has not settled his account with the Comptroller.

Respectfully reply, That under and by authority of the Governor he received eight hundred and thirty thousand two hundred and fifty dollars (\$830,250) for payment of three thousand three hundred and twenty-one volunteers credited as part of the quota of the State in the city of Baltimore.

And that he disbursed seven hundred and ninety-nine thousand six hundred dollars (\$799,600.)

That he paid the soldiers in full, that no per centage, commission or fee was charged or received, but that he is out of pocket about one thousand dollars by paying in error soldiers not legally authorized to receive, and money abstracted whilst paying.

My reason for not settling with the Comptroller, was the opinion of the City Counsellor, That the 7th section of chapter 15, laws of 1864, called the Bounty laws, made the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore responsible, vouchers for payments made were deposited in the Registers vault, and the balance of money, being thirty thousand six hundred and fifty dollars, was in the Farmers' and Planters' Bank of Baltimore, subject to the check of my successors in office.

With the highest respect,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN A. THOMPSON,
Late Register of Baltimore City.