

met) examined many witnesses, requiring both time and patience; and that the result of their deliberations was the report, a copy of which is herewith sent.

I have the honor to be,

Respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAS. REVELL,

*State's Attorney for Anne Arundel county.*

To His Honor D. R. MAGRUDER,

*Judge of Circuit Court :*

The Grand Jury having completed their labors, beg leave to make the following report :

In compliance with law, they visited the jail, and take great pleasure in reporting it cleanly and in good condition. The Warden, Mr. Basil, seems to have done all that was necessary for the safety and comfort of the prisoners. We would call the attention of the County Commissioners to the condition of the Court house, its wants of repair, fencing, &c. &c. We would suggest the necessity of their early attention to this matter. A large portion of the time of the Grand Jury was consumed in investigating and examining witnesses in the Camp Meeting Riot. Some forty odd witnesses (whites and negroes) were examined. No witness identified any one party as actually engaged in the riot; no one has been able to identify parties commencing the affray, whether whites or blacks. The Jury are of the opinion, therefore, that this affray was instigated and enacted by parties non-residents and strangers, names to the Jurors unknown. The Jurors are of the opinion that there was no premeditation to create a riot; it resulted from a thoughtless interference with the negroes (by parties to the Jury unknown.)

We further believe, from the testimony of several witnesses that the destruction of the property of the negroes, by parties to us unknown, was the consequence of the enraged state of feeling created by the fact of the blacks using weapons against the whites, and not from any premeditated design to injure the negroes.

We regret the occasion of this riot should have been the means of a base and unworthy reflection upon a large number of the people of our County, as appeared in the report of E.