

Public Schools of Frederick County, \$2,178.34 more than was received ; that such charge was fraudulent or erroneous, as can be shown by the drafts of the Comptroller, and clearly proven to the satisfaction of your Honorable Bodies.

4th. The Board of County School Commissioners of Frederick County further aver, that they have great reason to fear, and verily believe that a powerful effort is being made by certain influential Representatives in the Senate to *cover up* this *whole matter* by *Legislative Enactments*, confirming the illegal distribution of the Comptroller, and thus prevent it coming to the light and knowledge of the people of the State, against which action we most earnestly protest.

Your memorialists therefore pray your Honorable Bodies not to pass any Act or Bill that will in any way tend to legalize the said illegal distribution of the Public School Tax of the State, by the said Levin Woolford, or that may in any manner hinder or delay the several Boards of County School Commissioners of the State in obtaining from the Treasury of the State, their full and just proportion of all moneys that have been received into the said Treasury on account of the Public School Tax, or on account of the Free School Fund.

And as in duty bound, your memorialists will ever pray, &c.

*Resolved*, That the foregoing memorial signed by the members of this Board, and attested by the Secretary thereof be presented to the General Assembly of the State, through the representation in said General Assembly from this county.

Signed :—JAMES W. PEARRE,  
JAMES W. TROXELL,  
HENRY BOYLE,  
WM. G. BAKER,

Test :—L. T. LAKIN,  
Secretary.

True copy :—L. T. LAKIN,  
Secretary.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Education.

The Hon. R. C. Hollyday, Secretary of State, appeared and delivered the following communication :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
Annapolis, February 5th, 1878.

*Gentlemen of the Senate ;*

Having received three Certificates of Awards of the United States Centennial Commission for 1876, I have caused them