

demned his acts; and we are unwilling to add to that which he has already received.

The Executive Contingent Fund, is placed solely at the disposal of the Governor. In his wisdom, Governor Ligon has expended a portion thereof, for purposes that do not meet with our approval. But your committee is unable to propose any plan to meet the exigencies of the case. We can therefore, only record here our protest against the aforesaid unlawful expenditure of the State's money, by which the whole amount of the appropriation for the year 1857, has been taken up, and by reason of which payments for unlawful purposes many just debts incurred by the late Governor, for the ordinary, proper and current business of the Executive department, have remained unpaid, and the expenses of the late Administration have thrown upon the fund which the Legislature may appropriate for this year, the sum of nearly two thousand dollars, thus expended for the transportation of materials to be used against the peace of the State, would more than have satisfied the numerous just creditors of the fund, whose claims have been neglected and postponed by reason of these unwarranted acts of the late Governor.

JOHN S. SUDLER,
Chairman of Committee on Contingent Fund.

Of these warrants No. 101, for \$273.09; was to pay George P. Kane, for cartridges furnished by him, to be used on the singular occasion above mentioned.

Those cartridges were not used so far as your committee can discover, nor has it come to our knowledge, what disposition has been made of them.

The other items above specified, appear to be for the extraordinary expenses of that campaign; including the charge of \$754.25, for freight on the muskets, benevolently loaned to Maryland by the Governor of Virginia, an act of "comity," that your committee think deserves the special notice of the General Assembly, an expression of their opinion on that proceeding of Maryland. But your committee does not deem it necessary to enter into any further specific details of the items above referred to.

We deem it our duty here to record our protest against the expenditure of the State's money, for any such purposes. It is entirely unnecessary for us to enter into any argument in the absence of constitutional or legal authority, for Governor Ligon's action in this matter.

The Legislature and the people of the State, have thoroughly examined the whole subject, and have most unequivocally con-