

said George P. Kane, stating that said stores were in the magazine at Fort McHenry, and so far as your committee still knows, has no acknowledgment, receipt or instrument of writing, from the storekeeper or other proper officer of that fact. Your committee repeat here that they did not know said Kane in this matter. They were very unwilling to assail in any way, the action or motive of any one acting under the unfortunate orders of the late Governor, in that business; and they have done no such thing. They have spoken of the acts of the Governor. Whenever they impute wrong to others, it will be a proper time for others to complain.

Your committee respectfully call the attention of this House to certain expressions of the memorial, and they take leave to say that if the deposit of arms, &c., was made, as alleged in the memorial "for the purpose of preventing their being purloined by the lawless bands of deluded and infuriated fanatics who were then engaged, without restraint, in robbing the ordinary depositories of the State's arms and military stores." Such is the language of the complaints. Then it shows a very inadequate performance of duty on the part of those who had called out six regiments, of six hundred men each, fully armed and equipped, and yet were obliged to seek a store-house for their ammunition under the protection of the guns at Fort McHenry; and in answer to the remark in the memorial, touching the duty of this committee to examine accounts before they condemn a public officer in a matter of expenditure, your committee asserts that this House is the proper judge of the manner in which they have performed their duty; and that such remark comes with a bad grace from a memorialist, who, while complaining of such things, speaks of his commanding officer as a personal friend of, and a *political and partizan sympathiser with* his Honor, the then Mayor of said city. Meaning thereby, as your committee understand it, that such commanding officer was, in so far as he was such friend and partizan sympathizer, not impartial and free as a military officer, to discharge his duty under the orders of the Governor.

Finally, your committee have to say that the members of this committee who did not sign the report have submitted their own views to this House, and did not find any just cause to complain of any injustice done to the memorialist or any person, other than the late Governor.

Your committee ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the said memorial, and that the memorialist have leave to withdraw.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

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