

payments ; and books of receipts, to be signed by the beneficiaries, as vouchers for the Board.

Before commencing their active labors, the Board was deprived of the valuable services of Mr. Deford, by his resignation. After the lapse of about two months, during which the undersigned were daily engaged in giving verbal explanations, answering inquiries by letter, examining and testing applications, and collecting the regimental lists, the first payment was made on the 24th of May, 1862. This work was continued, until all the applicants, numbering 3831, had been once paid.

The payment of those residing in the city was comparatively easy, as the applicants generally appeared in person and signed their receipts ; but those residing out of the city were so much scattered, and in different counties and States, from Virginia to Massachusetts, that it was a matter of considerable difficulty to accomplish their payment. Isolated parties were paid by correspondence, and in most cases receipts were obtained ; but, where a considerable number were found residing in a neighborhood, it was deemed advisable to act by means of reliable agents. The President of the Board visited Cumberland, Frederick, and other places, and arrangements were made with the following gentlemen, who acted as local agents, without remuneration, in the disbursement of the fund, and have entitled themselves to the thanks of the Board, the gratitude of the recipients, and the commendation of the Assembly :

Horace Resley, Cumberland, Md.
 Dr. Lewis H. Steiner, Frederick, Md.
 L. T. McLean, " "
 F. D. Herbert, Hagerstown, "
 W. M. Cronise, Sharpsburg, "
 Jones & Ewing, Elkton, "
 W. B. Paca, Port Deposit, "
 H. Blackistone, Denton, "
 James Dorrance, Clearspring, "
 Thomas J. Wilson, Annapolis, "
 John E. Smith, Westminster, "
 C. L. Grafflin, Sir John's Run, Va.
 Leonard E. Wales, Wilmington, Del.
 R. C. Loomis, Pittsburg, Pa.
 Pomeroy Bros., Troy, Bradford co., Pa.
 J. E. McDevitt & Co., Philadelphia, Pa.
 S. F. McCleary, Boston, Mass.

In the midst of their work, the Board were obliged to relinquish their office for the occupancy of Maj. Gen. Wool ; and were supplied with another, in another building, without