

charge, by the kindness of Provost Marshal, James L. M'Phail. After the completion of the first payment, the second was commenced; which exhausted the fund; having given, as shewn by the table appended to this report, an average of \$6 50 per applicant, at each payment. The last payment by the Board, was made on the 12th of February, 1863.

Owing to the difficulty of communicating with many of the applicants in the country, both by the Board and by the local agents, a considerable time necessarily elapsed before they could distribute the funds remitted to them, receive the receipts, and close their accounts with the Board. This has been finally done; but it is proper to state that some receipts are still wanting; so that the amount shown by the receipt books, falls short of that shown by the general record of payments in the sum of \$225. The discrepancy arises, however, solely from the non-reception of receipts; the record book affording a true statement of the amounts actually paid.

The undersigned respectfully submit, in connection with this report, a detailed tabular statement of the payments made to the different Regiments, Batteries and Companies, and a Recapitulation, showing the whole amount paid, the number of beneficiaries, and the average amount to each, as well as a statement of the account between them and the State. There remains on hand a balance of \$3 03, which will be nearly if not quite expended in the transportation of the books, papers, &c. of the Board to Annapolis. There are also, of office furniture, one desk, two pine tables, five chairs, one settee, two boxes, and inkstands, costing originally \$20 30, now in use by the city for the purpose of paying its relief fund to soldiers' families, and which it is respectfully submitted might be left for their use, in return for courtesies received by the Board from the city authorities.

A word of explanation may perhaps be necessary concerning the payment by the Board of several of the Second Delaware Infantry. Their application was urged by Mr. Maffit, the Comptroller, and others, on the ground that they were, in the words of the Act, "Maryland Volunteers raised under the authority of the United States, and now in the service of the United States;" that they had originally enlisted to enter a Maryland Regiment, but none being ready, in their zeal had entered the Second Delaware Regiment; that their families were destitute and expected the bounty, and if it were not paid the effect would be unfavorable to future enlistments in that county. Though not fully satisfied that the parties came strictly within the provisions of the Act, still, as the number was small and the claim was urged by gentlemen of